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## OUR HERITAGE AS EVANGELICAL FRIENDS

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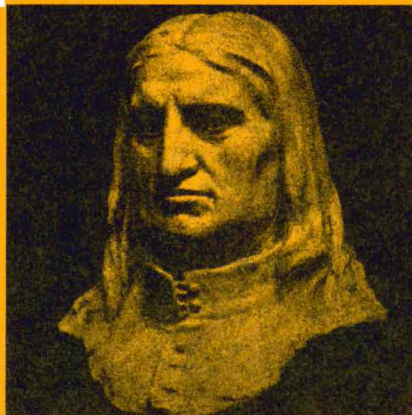
**M**ARK TWAIN said a history book is useful. If you have a thin one you can level a table with it. If you have a thick one you can prop a door open on a windy day, and if a larger one you can throw it at a howling cat at night.

But not all of us take Mark Twain's view of history. History is very valuable and it can guide dynamics. Let us try to abstract from Friends' history our heritage of experience and our heritage of vision.

When we talk about heritage of Friends we are not talking about laying a new foundation. The foundation was already laid; the church was

already established. Paul says, "other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus." Christ is our sure cornerstone. George Fox and others built on that foundation and so do you and I. So our heritage is a secondary, not a primary, one. We need to remember this. Sometimes we tend to exalt our heritage to such an extent we forget that the concern of Friends in the beginning and down through history has been to build on the foundation, Jesus Christ. Quakers, of course, had no creed and yet their lives illustrated a beautiful creed: the simple creed of the early church—Jesus Christ is Lord.

By title we are considering the heritage of evangelical Friends. The



# OUR HERITAGE AS EVANGELICAL FRIENDS

*The Evangelical Friends Alliance General Conference held at Malone College, Canton, Ohio, August 13-16, 1981, featured more than 20 workshops on a variety of subjects. The following article is adapted from a seminar given by Dr. Robert Hess, former Friends missionary to India, EFA missions leader, and now professor of philosophy and religion at Malone. Pinpointing our roots as evangelical Friends, Hess describes our spiritual heritage.*

BY ROBERT HESS

adjective *evangelical* deserves careful definition. Essentially an evangelical is one who believes in the basic proclamation of the early church. This is summed up in the Greek word *kerygma* meaning basic proclamation. The teaching of Jesus and the apostles' interpretation of that teaching is all encompassed in the word *kerygma*.

C. H. Dodd, one of the teachers in Oxford some years ago, did a lot of study on this, and many others have added to that study. They included several points in what was the basic *kerygma* or teaching of the early church. I will list five or six of them. One of the basic points is the belief that the life and teaching of Jesus Christ was fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Another strong belief in the *kerygma* is the humanity or historicity of Jesus Christ—that He did live; He was “very man.” We also could mention His teaching, healing, and other miracles; all are a part of the *kerygma*.

The vicarious death of Christ is a central part of the teaching of the early church and is an essential ingredient in this platform of the Christian faith. The crucifixion, of course, is followed very closely by the belief in the resurrection. After three days He arose again. The *kerygma* also teaches that He came to establish His Church and it teaches that He is coming again.

These basic points of Christian belief are a part of our heritage as Friends. The message of George Fox and the early Quakers was close in line with the *kerygma*.

George Fox came from a godly family. His mother was very devout and very alert. William Penn later spoke of her as being a very urbane and sensitive person, a balanced person. His father was a leader in the local church and called righteous by name, which means he must have demonstrated it. Early they believed George Fox could become a minister. Later they changed their minds and he became a shoemaker.

George Fox was a husky young fellow, apparently a good-looking young man, and his physical robustness was in his favor when the beatings and those long terms in prison came later.

You may remember that at the age of 19 he was out with his peer group and they were finishing off a jug of beer. One jug wasn't enough and they wanted more and more. Fox went away from them disgusted. That was a sort of crisis point in a search for something better. He insisted on relating faith to practice and was extremely concerned with a faith that would have to do with daily life. His seeking continued for a long time.

He reported revelations from time to time. At one point he came to see that a minister of the Gospel isn't necessarily made at Oxford or Cambridge. Just attending a Christian institution, a theological institution, doesn't make one a minister. In fact he almost went to the opposite extreme in some of his preaching, saying theological training works against becoming a minister of the Gospel.

Then that revelation came to him, that direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit saying to him, “There is One who can

speak to thy condition.” Now we Quakers make a good deal of that revelation to George Fox. That inner assurance that came to him is an illustration of Romans 8:14. In traditional theology this is called the doctrine or teaching of the witness of the Spirit. We need to acknowledge humbly that this was Paul's teaching.

George Fox in his wandering as a shoemaker, according to the writers, spent a good deal of time reading his Bible. He was not only informed by Scripture; he was also governed by Scripture. The Scripture was his yardstick, and the Word of the Lord lived in him in a vital and real way.

### *The Word and the Witness*

**W**E FIND two denominators in George Fox's experience. The first one is the Word of God or the *kerygma*. The second is the witness of the Spirit. The relationship between these two is viewed in a variety of ways.

In George Fox's day, there were people called Ranters and others called Seekers. The Ranters believed that almost any experience anyone had was valid. They didn't measure their experience by the yardstick of the Word of God or by careful testing, seeking, and counseling with other Christians. Now certainly George Fox and his associates, and later Barclay, believed primarily in the leading of the Holy Spirit in what they called continuous revelation. But it was revelation with a reference; it was an objective reference in the person of Jesus Christ. It wasn't just any leading. It wasn't just any feeling.

Quakerism in its beginning could have gone the same direction as the Ranters and ended up like water flowing into sand on the shallow basis of experience alone. But it didn't. It was rooted in Jesus Christ. One can't overemphasize this in talking about our heritage.

God knows that Quakers have had wonderful experiences and we're still having them. George Fox didn't just have the experience once. He kept being renewed by the Spirit. How much we need that! This experience was guided and guarded. When deviation came or when questions came about someone's experience, a conference of thoughtful people in prayer related it to Christ and decided on its validity.

I so appreciated Everett Cattell in our mission council meetings in India. Everett was very strong on the leading of the Spirit, but he believed that all leading of the Spirit should, of course, center in Christ, and then when you come to the difficult problem of interpretation he believed very strongly that we must get a group of people in prayer and communication to do the interpretation together. Be led as a group and not just as one individual.

So when we talk about experience we talk about a common denominator of the *kerygma* or basic doctrine; we talk about the witness of the Holy Spirit that Fox made very



real. On one occasion early in his ministry, Fox was listening to a minister preaching on that text in Peter that states we have "a more sure word of prophecy." The minister was insisting that the more sure word of prophecy was the Scripture itself. George Fox stood up in the midst of the meeting and rebuked him saying, "It is not the Scriptures which is the more sure word of prophecy; it is the Holy Spirit."

Those, however, who argue that Fox didn't accept the authority of the Scriptures and accepted instead the authority of the Holy Spirit are overdrawing it. Both of these ministers, the Puritan leader who was preaching and George Fox who interrupted him, were appealing to the Scripture. Both of them appealed to a basic authority of the historical revelation in the New Testament.

#### *Our Final Authority*


**W**E HAVE a lot of division in Quaker history on what is our final authority. Is it Scripture? Is it the Holy Spirit as interpreted by various groups? Or is it a combination? I think we're far more true to Quaker history and certainly to scriptural teaching if we take the Scripture *and* the Spirit. Paul said the letter killeth, the Spirit giveth life. We need this combination of the illumination of the Holy Spirit. Most of us as evangelical Friends say that the Scripture is our final rule for faith and practice. But it is the Holy Spirit interpreting the Scripture. We do not separate the two.

Another point that is very pertinent to modern discussion about the authority of the Bible is interpretation, or hermeneutics. How do you interpret Scripture? Different ones in India have said, "Well, I don't interpret it, I just accept what it says." But you can't do that. We all bring a particular background into our interpretation of Scripture. It might well be that one of the next Quaker gatherings from across the country should be devoted to the topic of hermeneutics or interpretation.

So we have three arrows pointing to authority when we talk about Christian experience. We have not only the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit, but interpretation of thoughtful, committed Christian people. The Spirit of God takes the things of Christ and literally makes them real to us. But that doesn't mean we accept just any experience that comes. That is relevant in a generation where we again have a tendency toward Ranterism. Emphasis upon one's own experience is prevalent. We hear so much about, "What is your gut-level feeling on this?" There are some good points to that, but if your feelings never get to your head or aren't guided by that, then things can be pretty bad.

Quakers do not make fun of feeling. Feeling, of course, is very important. But the leading of the Holy Spirit is far more than feeling. It was Pascal who said, "The heart has its reason which reason doesn't know." There is a real place for those constraints of the Holy Spirit. And I trust Friends shall never get into a wooden positional orthodoxy where we neglect the constraints and leading of the Holy Spirit. At the same time may we know our Scriptures so well that we can interpret them, be guided by them, and proclaim their truth.

Our heritage as evangelical Friends must move us toward a vision such as George Fox had for a great people to be gathered. When Fox preached to various groups of seekers, he was welcomed as an answer to their sincere prayers. So often God uses a person for a particular task. He did that with George Fox. It would be wonderful if some individually and all of us collectively in the Evangelical Friends Alliance could so unite in prayer and devotion that God would give us a vision for our day.

Toynbee in his writings of history says one of the keys to maintaining a growing civilization is a small group of people who have a vision. God knows that many of us as Quakers have tried and imagined ourselves as that creative minority. But we need a vision and we need to be obedient to that vision. We need a vision not just of Pendle Hill in 1652, but we need a vision for our day. I believe this is possible within this present generation. 

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Bust of George Fox was sculptor Alfred Turner's image of the founder of the Friends movement. The art piece is used from "Quaker Reflections to Light the Future" with permission of Friends General Conference. (Design by Stan Putman)

#### ANTECEDENTS

The content of this issue makes it quite obvious that the *Evangelical Friend* is a denominational magazine. This month's reading includes an insightful look at our Friends heritage, reports from each of the EFA Yearly Meeting sessions, and an editorial on the Fourth General Conference of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

We Quakers tend to be self-conscious about giving too much attention to our activities and historic testimonies. Robert Hess does us all a great service in presenting Friends as having a distinctive mission and at the same time pointing out our common legacy with evangelical Christianity.

This inheritance that Friends must claim was alluded to at the EFA General Conference when Elton Trueblood called for more Friends to write and speak to society at large. Ignoring himself as the prime example, he noted two people in particular who have taken the message of Friends far beyond the circle of our own denomination. The first was Robert Barclay; the other was a name that has captured extended attention just within the past three years—Richard Foster.

On page 6 this blossoming contributor to Christian literature shares his concern for the effective use of print media and responds to questions regarding his experience as a successful author. Although he neglects blowing the trumpet for Quakerdom, Foster sounds and acts very Quakerly.

This may be a good time to carefully consider how much of our Friends faith and practice is God's calling for all His children and whether these biblical principles should be promoted with a Quaker trademark. Whether you are a horn-blowing Quaker or a low-profile Quaker or somewhere between, this *Evangelical Friend* will be rewarding in terms of both information and inspiration. —D.L.M.

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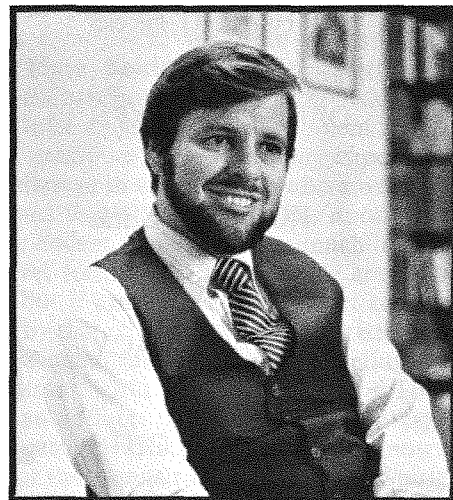
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# AN INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD FOSTER



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"A book is a minister that can be available any time of the day or night."

**EVANGELICAL FRIEND:** *Why do you write? How did you decide to make this your ministry?*

**Foster:** There are several reasons. One is the simple fact that a large number of people can be reached for a sustained period of time through books. Compared to other mediums of communication, a book has greater permanence and precision. You

can labor for whole days to get the phrase that fits just right. I love words and there is a beauty in framing words. Also a book is a minister that can be available to people any time of the day or night. It doesn't get exhausted like me.

There are also disadvantages. People are becoming increasingly illiterate. The most pervasive medium today is television, not

books. It is more difficult to communicate emotion through the printed page. Books can be discarded easily.

But if McLuhan is right that the medium is the message, I think books are among the most compatible mediums to the gospel message that we have today.

**EF:** *You mentioned "a sustained period of time." How do you feel when you realize that you have attained a measure of notoriety, perhaps immortality, through your books?*

**Foster:** (laughter) Well, I am certain that is not true.

**EF:** *Your name and books will live long after you.*

**Foster:** Maybe a few years. Most books (90 percent) go out of print within three years. A few go beyond that and ever fewer last beyond the lifetime of the writer.

**EF:** *Celebration of Discipline is now more than three years old and they are still making new printings. Correct?*

**Foster:** Yes. And in fact it is selling more now than it did in the beginning; but those things are trivial when compared to terminology like immortality.

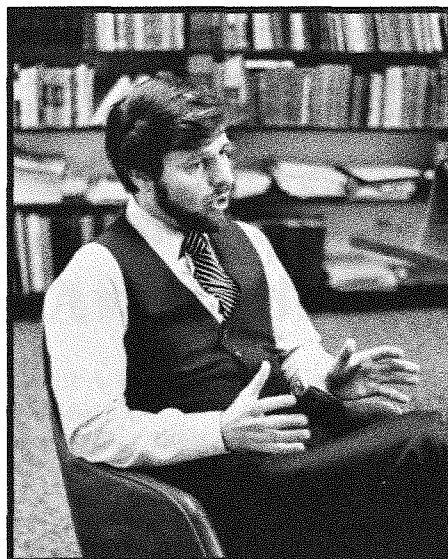
**EF:** *Even if it were to go out of print, the 70,000 copies presently sold will be around for a long time.*

**Foster:** If it can be helpful to people when I am gone and my voice is no longer heard, that would be a wonderful thing.

I will say that when I wrote *Celebration* I consciously considered, *Can I say something that will be helpful not only right*

*Richard Foster is assistant professor of theology and writer in residence at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. He is a graduate of George Fox College and Fuller Theological Seminary. Richard and his wife, Carolyn, have two sons, Joel and Nathan.*

*His first book, Celebration of Discipline, was published by Harper & Row in 1978 while he was a member of the pastoral team of Newberg, Oregon, Friends Church. Public response to that book has gained the attention of the entire Christian publishing industry. An eleventh printing has been ordered with 76,000 copies sold in bookstores and book clubs listing 30,000 books. Foster's second book was published this year and is entitled Freedom of Simplicity. The new volume was named inspirational book of the year and its writer was cited as author of the year by the Logos Book Store Association. In the following interview with EVANGELICAL FRIEND Assistant Editor Dan McCracken, Richard shares from his life and thoughts as a writer and articulates his concern for Christian literature.*



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now, but a hundred years from now? For that reason I was careful not to include references that would be soon outdated.

The publishers told me at the very beginning that this was the kind of book that might not sell fast but would be around for a long time, and that was the kind I tried to write.

I really don't feel immortal though (laughter). I do have a feeling that the book has a life of its own and it belongs to the people of God. It isn't my book.

**EF:** *How does it happen that at a time you are receiving national acclaim, you show evidences of a disciplined effort to avoid pride and demonstrate humility?*

**Foster:** I think I can respond to that somewhat. It is not a show. The more I go into this business of walking with God, the more I discover that I am doing nothing more than receiving a gift. There are things happening that are not under my control.

Also, as you go along in the matter of becoming well-known in certain circles, you find how very superficial it is. Those things are not very significant.

I took my "Writing for Publication" class to a local bookstore for them to browse and see what they could learn. They ended up gravitating toward the man who buys the books. He did not know who I was, but when he found out, he made what I felt was a meaningful comment: "Nobody knows

Richard Foster, but everyone loves *Celebration of Discipline*." His point was that the book has sold because of its content rather than some big name. I hope that is the way it will be. Personality cults are a curse to the Christian faith.

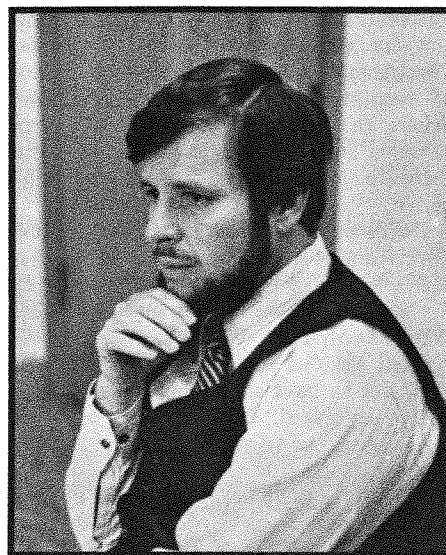
**EF:** *How do you feel when your friends make a big deal of your notoriety?*

**Foster:** My close friends don't; they know better. But certain people do, and it's a bit embarrassing. Most of all it is humbling to hear people say highly complimentary things. I almost want to shake my head and say, no, no!

It is also very gratifying that people feel something has been helpful. I don't want to have such a sticky false humility that appreciation and praise do not mean anything. I am glad if the message I try to bring has been helpful.

**EF:** *For purposes of marketing, publishers tend to promote the person. Have you ever felt like a piece of merchandise?*

**Foster:** I have been so appreciative of Harper & Row at this point. They are very careful not to try to use a person in dehumanizing ways. Obviously, they are in the marketing business, but they have no desire to do crass marketing. Frankly, they have done very little marketing. The book has sold basically by word of mouth.



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Of course I have had to make certain decisions regarding these matters, but I haven't ever felt like a piece of merchandise.

**EF:** *At the Christian Booksellers Convention this summer you saw a large full-color portrait backlighting on glass of yourself in the display area, but you still don't feel like a piece of merchandise?*

**Foster:** I had known they were going to use a picture, but I hadn't known it would be in just that way. I was a little unhappy with what they did and my editor felt bad about it. But I took what they did as their attempt to help people become acquainted with somebody they hadn't known before. And it is fun to help people know that the person who wrote *Celebration* is not some terribly austere ascetic who does nothing but pray.

**EF:** *Evangelical books are discovering a newfound popularity in recent years. In some ways your books seem to fall outside the mainstream in terms of subject and type of approach, and yet they are selling. Your comments?*

**Foster:** Isn't that something! Sometimes that worries me. I wonder, "Are my writings in the same literary genre as *Christian Mother Goose*?"

Some publishers do feel that *Celebration* marked a turning point in the publishing world away from "fluff" books to literature of a more substantial nature. And there are, I am sure, two streams flowing—one still interested in simplistic and trite material and another with a deep interest in Spirituality, personal transformation, and learning to walk with God. I just hope that mine is in the latter category.

**EF:** *Please describe the characteristics of Christian literature today. What is the general state of the art?*

## A PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE

FROM ROY M. CARLISLE, EDITOR, HARPER & ROW

"I met Richard Foster four years ago at a writers' conference in Portland, Oregon. I brought back to my editorial board a single sheet of paper with an outline on it. Although I had a book on the bestseller list at that time, I walked into the editorial meeting and told them that this outline from a name unknown to publishing just might become the most significant book I would publish in my life.

"There are two important facets to Richard's personality that have made the venture with *Celebration of Discipline* and *Freedom of Simplicity* successful. The first is his intense commitment to living out his own spirituality. He does not write about things he has not experienced. This provides an authenticity that speaks to readers.

"Second, he has an intense commitment to the craft of writing. He works at it and is growing in his ability to communicate well. It is unique today to find these two ingredients in one person.

"The success of Richard's books heralds for me as an editor a very hopeful sign that the Christian community in this country is turning away from superficiality in our Christian experience to a more profound sense of what it means to be a Christian."



**Foster:** It is in a very sad condition. People lust for easy answers and propaganda. There is little concern for literary excellence of even meaningful content, and so we debase the Gospel with clichés and propaganda because that sells so well. But there are also many who long for something better.

I wish we could learn how to write good novels and good fantasy and good children's books. So few writers can really do it. We all think of Tolkien and Lewis, but they are only two. Where are the others?

I am anxious that people will take the discipline to have something to say and be able to say it well. I hope nobody will write for the fame and fortune, because there is little of that. For Christians to do what must be done there needs to be a lot of hard work, sweating over words, and learning to communicate well.

**EF:** *Does your concern for the Christian publishing industry ever put you in the position where you have to bite the hand that feeds you?*

**Foster:** Sure. But, you see, I'm not dependent upon the publishing industry for my economic security, and that is a great freedom.

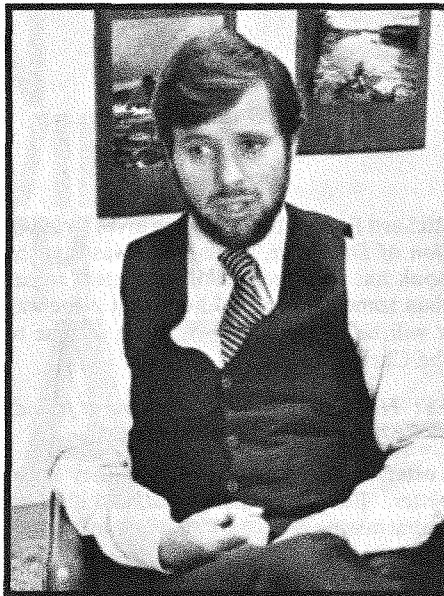
I have for a long time been concerned for the industry, and I imagine that publishing companies will be judged by the kind of material they publish. That is a terrifying thought.

Christians who really care about these things should write things that are better. It is possible to write substantive material in a way that ordinary people can understand. There doesn't have to be this wide dichotomy between substantive material that is so difficult no one can understand it and the very popular material that has little to say.

It is much harder to write about important issues in a way that everyone can understand than to write a scholarly treatise. It is one thing to write the research; it



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is quite another to write the insights from the research. The latter is much more demanding. It involves taking the further step of translating truth discovered into truth that can be understood by ordinary people.

In my first draft of two chapters in *Freedom of Simplicity*, I was pleased with what the material said, but it was dry, obscure, and technical. It was the research. I had to rewrite it entirely in order to share adequately the insights rather than just the research.

**EF:** *It is being suggested that you may be the new D. Elton Trueblood.*

**Foster:** There can be only one Elton Trueblood. And those are matters for others to think about and wonder about. My work is to be faithful to what I feel I've been asked to do and let the chips fall where they may. If another Elton Trueblood needs to arise, God will raise up such a person.

Certainly there is a need for people to do what Trueblood has done in the sense of disciplining themselves enough and going through the sacrifices to write well and deal with important issues and to give their lives to that. I'm sure people have no idea the kind of sacrifice he went through to do it. It is a cross. It is tough. There is nothing easy in it. But if it is a calling, it is also a delight.

**EF:** *What has been the hardest thing for you about writing?*

**Foster:** Well, two things. First, when it takes away from playing soccer with the kids or being home with Carolynn, I hardly know of any greater emotional sacrifice.

The second most difficult thing in writing is doing it. I can find a thousand other things to do first. The reason is that writing

is hard for me. I wrestle for hours with just one single phrase. But I want to do that because I know that it is important to get the right phrase and not just put something down. That creative energy is exhausting.

But if we love people, we are going to learn to communicate with them and do everything possible to do it the best we can. I don't make any claim to be doing it right. In fact, I'm certain I have a long way to go, but I am conscious of what needs to be done and am giving it my best effort.

**EF:** *You have been described many times as being bold. Why do people call you bold?*

**Foster:** I'm not sure I can answer that. Perhaps people are sensing a measure of freedom in me to take on issues that many times we are not willing to face—to look at what's going on today and try to evaluate it. If that's something I've been able to do, I'm glad.

**EF:** *Are people then implying prophetic when they say bold?*

**Foster:** I don't know. Whether or not I am the instrument for a prophetic word, that is something for others to determine.

**EF:** *What effect has writing the books had on your own spiritual life?*

**Foster:** Well, there is first no conceivable way that you can write on the kinds of subjects that I have been concerned to address without having experienced those things as deeply as you can before writing. That puts you into a process of experience and exercise before God that is very rewarding.

The other thing is the experience of writing itself and what that does to a person spiritually and what goes on in the process of trying to think God's thoughts after Him. It is a holy experience and a sacrament.

**EF:** *Your journal is important to you, isn't it?*

**Foster:** Yes.

**EF:** *How do you feel when you think there is a possibility that one day it, or portions of it, will be printed?*

**Foster:** (laughter) I think you are talking too big. (pause)

I have to admit that has crossed my mind. And perhaps it keeps me from being as honest as I might be otherwise. But my greatest fear is that people would see the terrible desecration of the king's English that abounds in my journal notations: Pride, of course, is at the root of that fear.

**EF:** *How ecumenical are your books? They seem to be cutting a wide swath.*

**Foster:** That is clearly true. It is marvelous and was my intention on the outset. When I wrote, my desire was to state what I felt was the work for those who wanted to know Christ as their life. All kinds of people from all kinds of backgrounds who are

hungry for God have been reading the books. Right now I understand that *Celebration* is having its widest reception in the Catholic Church. There are some Catholic magazines that are excerpting chapters for publication. I am delighted to see this.

**EF:** *Your books seem more classical than contemporary. Are they an old story retold?*

**Foster:** I hope so. Many people have written on these themes, and if people would read some of the great devotional masters, maybe there would be no need for what I have written. I was trying to take the best

thinking that I could find from the history of the Christian church, and of course from Scripture, and put it into a readable form for today.

**EF:** *Do your books have a message to the nonbeliever?*

**Foster:** They certainly do. To the nonbeliever who is disillusioned with the superficialities of modern culture and who wants something more, I invite them to walk with God—to taste of the Lord and see that He is good.

I am very interested in people who don't yet know God but are God-seekers. Both

books have something to say to those kinds of people. We need to pray that they will come into God and find Him and walk with Him because that is the way to life.

**EF:** *Who benefits most from your books: the kingdom of God, the house of Harper & Row, or Richard J. Foster?*

**Foster:** Better ask God that. My business is to do what I feel I have been asked to do and let the results rest with God. Let's pray that the benefit will be found in seeing the goodness of the kingdom of God being more and more manifested in the lives of people. CR

# NEW CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FOR BOLIVIA

BY RON STANSELL



"A Christian university . . . in Bolivia? Tell me another joke!"

That incredulous reply, or something like it, has been repeated several times since August 1980. But the dream now has substance and awaits government approval to begin classes.

It's largely a case of committed evangelicals "attempting great things for God, expecting great things from God." In view of notorious red tape, bureaucracy in developing countries, and tight money in the nations that have it, one has to believe heartily that "nothing is too hard for God" (Jeremiah 32:17). Eventually it might cost several million dollars. But it just might be one of the major necessary steps to build

leadership for the evangelical church of Latin America.

## THE DREAM

In August of last year, representatives from 12 evangelical groups met in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and prepared an official minute of founding for the Bolivian Evangelical University. Now, a year later, the shadow of a dream has a declaration of faith, a guiding constitution, and an academic framework. A contract is signed for rented facilities. Prospective administrators and professors wait offstage.

The dream began with missionary and national personnel of the Santa Cruz area, led by Ulises Sanchez and Meredythe Schefflen, both related to World Gospel Mission work in Bolivia. A growing number of high school graduates were clamoring for university training in an evangelical context. Civic leaders and business interests were calling for the development of private universities. Santa Cruz, with a population of over 320,000, seemed an appropriate location—in the center of agricultural, petroleum, and industrial development. An ultra modern air terminal under construction could make it a transportation hub for South America. An overenthusiastic city editor even editorialized in the leading Santa Cruz daily newspaper over plans for an evangelical university.

This led to that first meeting and a year since then of planning and negotiating with Bolivian officials. The Board of Directors had identified several service professions noticeably lacking in the Bolivian educational system. The attempt is to move first into those areas, without duplicating secular efforts.

The Bolivian Association of Evangelicals (ANDEB), representing most of the approximately 235,000 evangelicals of the nation, has enthusiastically endorsed the university project. Evangelical Friends Mission has been directly represented since the founding through Northwest Yearly Meeting mission personnel. EFM underwrites expenses to board meetings for both a missionary and a Bolivian Friend named by the Bolivian Friends Church (INELA), linking evangelical Friends to a genuinely "pioneer" effort.

## THE NEED

After careful study, there does not seem to be an evangelical university in all of Spanish-speaking Latin America.\* While there are university-level seminaries, nothing of a broader scope exists.

And as one considers the general cultural advancement of the Latin evangelical community into the professions and technological positions, this quickly becomes a glaring weak spot in a broad evangelical strategy for the region.

Worldwide, church leaders remark on the education explosion in developing nations. Perhaps the recent awakening among us to our mission to influence culture on every level has played a part. But on a practical level, youth are frequently attracted away from the "obsolescent" church. In many cases, adult church leaders fall perilously behind the educational level of youth growing up in the church.

*\*(One private university in Central America has evangelical connections, but is not a "Christian college" in either the sense of administration or witness.)*

*This article is written by Ron Stansell, an NWYM missionary to Bolivia with his wife, Carolyn, since 1968, who is serving as vice-chairman of the Board of Directors of the proposed new Bolivian Evangelical University. Ron points out that while this project is still a "dream" in many respects, it is something Friends have entered into with the feeling "that if it really is of the Lord, doors will continue to open and it will become a reality." We invite Friends to join in praying for this worthwhile project.*



"Why start a new college?" some ask. "Send them to North America." Cultural and linguistic considerations aside, a brief study of Bolivians who go abroad to study—and never return—flattens that argument. And those who do achieve that privilege usually are among the comfortably rich, excluding most Latin evangelicals.

Bolivian Friends have responded warmly, even though the proposed Bolivian Evangelical University will be over 500 miles away from most Friends churches. Several have expressed strong interest in enrolling. Another Friend and I have been invited to join the university's part-time faculty.


Humberto Gutierrez, a La Paz-area Friends pastor, has served as the INELA (Bolivian Friends Church) representative to the Board of Directors. His special interest is in university extension programs that would open up new opportunities to evangelicals throughout the nation. The univer-

sity incorporation papers make provision for such courses. Currently I am serving as vice-chairman of the Board of Directors.

## THE FUTURE

And so the dream of "great things for God" persists. Even if some major disappointment were to block this particular effort, something like it still needs to take place as a next logical step in church development. Right now it's a matter of putting together a preuniversity course and opening night classes in three departments: music, nursing, and theology. Specialized personnel will be needed as the program advances and as it expands from the three initial areas of study into communications, psychology, sociology, and other professional areas.

It is not realistic to think that an economically depressed Third World country like Bolivia could finance such an ambitious program. Funds and help are being sought from evangelical organizations and foundations in developed nations. The hope is that they will share the vision of opportunity in Latin America for the capital development of land, buildings, and equipment. The compelling concern remains: evangelical youth penetrating Latin culture on every level, leadership of the church advancing with the educational rise within the church, a Christian university serving not only Bolivia but perhaps much of Latin America.

We who represent Friends feel honored to carry specifically the name of Evangelical Friends Mission in this dream. None of us would consider it alone, but by locking arms with other evangelicals, it just might become a reality! 

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### Let's Be Friends

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# CHILDREN OF LIGHT

BY HOWARD MACY

**M**Y FRIEND'S recurring dream nearly spoiled him as a Quaker. Though the details have slipped my memory (not his), the central image is still clear. It is an image of my friend as a youth in an open, lonely place being approached by a small host of Quaker heavyweights—elders dour in face, grim in spirit, and full of judgment. They approach relentlessly, each closer step creating a prison of negativism that confined and frightened a spirit that longed for freedom and joy. Try as he might, he could not escape.

Though the dream may be uniquely my friend's, the image of Quakers as a dour, gray-grim people is not. Friends of yester-

year were, in many minds, a people who more often said "nay" than "yea," and, true to their word, meant it. Many Friends today are seen in the same way, as congenitally negative people who are tirelessly against the world and its ways, whether in personal morality or in international issues of war and peace.

What is embarrassing is that Quakers have sometimes matched this image. But in their winsome days, if Friends stood against some things it was because they could call people with joy to a better way. Part of one of George Fox's letters reminds us of this positive witness:

Now Friends, who have denied the world's songs and singing, sing ye in the spirit, and with grace, making melody in your hearts to the Lord. And ye having denied the world's formal praying, pray ye always in the spirit, and watch in it. And ye having denied the world's giving of thanks, and their saying of grace and living out of it, do ye in every thing give thanks to the Lord through Jesus Christ. And ye, that have denied the world's praising God with their lips, whilst their hearts are afar off, do ye always praise the Lord night and day. And ye that have denied the world's fastings, and of their hanging down their heads like a bulrush for a day, who smite with the fist of wickedness, keep ye the fast of the Lord, that breaks the bond of iniquity and lets the


oppressed go free; that your health may grow, and your Light may shine as the morning. (*Epistle 167*)

Those who lived by this counsel became a people radiant in joy and power, a people whose positive life and witness drew others to join them in their glorious new life. How apt that they should call themselves Children of Light, for they exposed the darkness while embodying its bright alternative!

**T**HE NEW TESTAMENT often uses the metaphor of light to talk about the lives of those faithful to God. They are to let their lights shine in a way that will cause people to praise God (Matthew 5:16). They are to expose the works of darkness by the brightness of complete goodness, right living, and truth (Ephesians 5:8-11). Through their innocence and genuineness they are to "shine in the world like bright stars." (Philippians 2:15) Through the work of the Spirit they are to grow ever brighter as they reflect the bright glory of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18). This is brilliant, winsome living.

The first Children of Light did not win their way by glowering gloomily at a darkened world. Nor will we. But radiance born of new life and joy in Christ penetrates the darkness.

Shine on, Children of Light!

Let's be Friends. 



BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

## Cantonese Hospitality

The fourth General Conference of the Evangelical Friends Alliance came to pass in Canton, Ohio, eighth month, 13th to 16th, 1981. It began in a celebration atmosphere with 375 delicious barbecued chickens divided among 750 delighted Friends, one of two outdoor picnics in a colorful circus tent on the Malone College campus. This was just our first taste of Cantonese hospitality.

A gathering like that, with the many display booths, hallway conversations, more than 30 workshops, and special prayer groups, was kind of a grand finale running back-to-back with sessions of Eastern Region's yearly meeting. The chicken in a tent kick-off was a good plan, with most of us already jaded with meetings, travel, or the seasonal dog-days of August.

Everything was admirably planned. There was something for the children (a Christian magician and well-prepared puppeteers), something for the youth (Friendswood Texans won the Bible quiz competition), music "extraordinaire" (72-year-old Earl Smith, the song leader, and the remarkable instrumentalists saw to that), great preaching, great singing, plus a packed-out tour to Mt. Pleasant's historic meetinghouse, which once was to Quakers heading west what the Atlanta airport is to travelers now heading anywhere. And then each day there was a mini-theater production on the life of beloved missionary Charles DeVol.

A Baptist preacher from Georgia, Dr. F. H. Crumpler, brought a stirring message the first night, with many responding to his call for commitment to Christian witnessing. Next morning keynote speaker Russell Myers, Eastern Region superintendent, urged a targeted church-planting effort in every U.S. city and a new vision for foreign missions. Friends Marriage Encounter specialists David and Marcile Leach focused the conference on the chosen theme of "Building the Family . . . of God . . . of Friends . . . in the Home," with a moving expression of their shared concerns and experiences. Ohio's youth summer missionaries jammed the platform one evening with exciting stories of their varied ministries, concluding with a crescendo of song and orchestra doing "The King Is Coming."

Kara Cole, representing the Friends United Meeting as its administrative secretary, spoke out of her heart in a plea for openness and trust among Friends, insisting God is using us in many places in today's society. Canton's First Friends pastor John Williams, Jr., looking as youthful as a teenager, made his Sunday morning message based on Ezekiel's "dry bones" come alive, especially for "those who don't know beans about Quakers." This was followed Sunday afternoon by the dignified, folded arm, precisely expressed concerns of D. Elton Trueblood for Christian excellence in a world of religious mediocrity.

John Grafton, program chairman and Friends pastor from Battle Creek, Michigan, was everywhere, encouraging, setting a personal as well as a convention enthusiastic tone to the many meetings and activities, and thanking again and again his hard-working committee for "making him look good."

There was no official EFA business conducted, on purpose. Several ad hoc, or semiofficial committee meetings were held, i.e., EFM missions, the EVANGELICAL FRIEND editorial board, and other commissions in unofficial discussion. But a significant success of the gathering was the feeling, and the fact, of a strengthening fellowship.

Those impatient with only fellowship may question the importance of it all. There just may be, however, a growing realization that the value of the Evangelical Friends Alliance is not its structure, its organization, nor even its varied cooperative programs, as important and as effective as some of them are. Rather just the opportunity for association, shared spiritual victories, ideas, Christian love, and a sense of inter-yearly meeting identity is of inestimable value. The Evangelical Friends Alliance is not something to be managed or tightly administered, certainly not to be manipulated.

For the longest while it seems EFA has been struggling with various structural models assumed to move us toward a unified national Quaker body. That goal has not been reached, but the fellowship crossing yearly meeting boundaries has enriched each of us in the process. Familiarity with each other's missionaries and their work, the Mexican Friends Church now established, the notable impact of Christian education leadership and literature—these are a few of the results of our coming together. The genius and strength of Friends remains, and should remain, in the local monthly and yearly meetings. We all need to know each other as pastors, missionaries and various leaders in all departments and areas of concern. The Holy Spirit is blessing and we know He will continue to do so. ☐

## Laboring in Love

Last spring *Leadership* magazine chose "Conflict and Crisis" as the theme for one publication. Other Christian literature has been saying much about "game playing" in conflict situations. It's a response motivated by or desire to avoid the pain of confrontation and seems to fit nicely into a Friends format for nonviolence.

There are many Bible examples: the rich young ruler's tricky diversion, "Who is my neighbor?" Nicodemus's annoyance, embarrassment, and possibly sarcastic question, "How can a man be born when he is old?" the Samaritan woman at the well, frantically trying to sidestep a horrible turn in the conversation, "On which mountain ought we to worship?" Game playing!

Compassion without courageous, clean, honest confrontation can lead to a sweet sentimentality that is often called love. Friends of greater maturity have the nerve and the grace to "labor in love" for the resolution of differences that too often keep Christians tiptoeing around some who have made a career of obstinacy.

Confrontation must *not* be avoided at all costs while pastors and committee chairmen come and go rather than creatively caring for sterile and suffocating relationships in the church. A lack of loving labor with conflicts in the Body is a sign of indifference—evidence that we don't care enough about each other or about the meeting's faith and ministry.

Matthew 10 leaves little doubt on the matter. ☐





*A self described "CK" (caretakers' kid) tells of her appreciation for her parents and the privilege of living at camp 12 months of the year. Now a pastor's wife at Great Bend, Kansas, Friends Church and the mother of four, Linda Snyder reflects on the influences of her parents and Camp Quaker Haven.*

## 25 YEARS OF CAMPING

BY LINDA (LAWRENCE) SNYDER

It was a hot day in August when we turned onto that dusty country road. The year was 1956 and it had been a long ride from League City, Texas, to our new home in Arkansas City, Kansas.

My five-year-old mind was filled with excitement as well as apprehension. We'd had so many homes and Daddy had worked at so many different jobs. I wondered how long this one would last. Little did I know . . . .

Walter "Bud" Lawrence and Letha Brooks were married in Emporia, Kansas, on October 19, 1946. They had met at Friends Bible College shortly after Bud was released from Germany as a prisoner of war and then settled in Pratt, Kansas. He worked at several jobs including one as a mechanic, another as a carpenter, and then as an electrician and a plumber. He was in Texas building new homes with his brother-in-law when he received a call from the Friends Christian Endeavor board asking if

he would consider serving as caretaker at the Kansas Yearly Meeting Camp Quaker Haven. After a great deal of prayer, the Lawrences accepted the call and we headed north to Kansas.

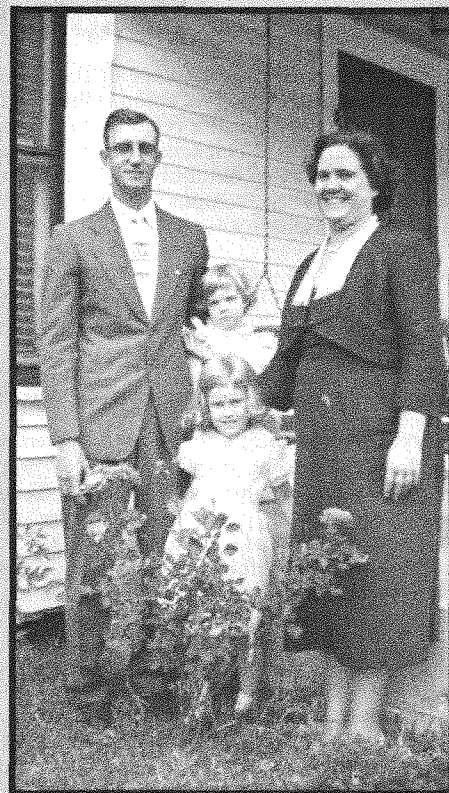
It was 25 years ago this August we made that memorable trip. During those first years my parents realized why Daddy had worked at (and learned) so many different trades. He has used every one of them since moving to the camp. That has been a

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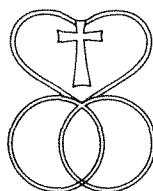
*Camp Quaker Haven caretakers Bud and Letha Lawrence now and 25 years ago.*

*Photo on right was used as a bulletin cover when the Lawrence family moved to the camp.*



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# First Day News

## FRIENDS FOCUS

### GORDON WERKEMA NAMED MALONE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

At a special meeting on September 19, the Malone College Board of Trustees named Dr. Gordon R. Werkema as the new president of that school. Werkema will assume his administrative duties within the next few months, coming from a position as executive vice-president of Gordon College. Prior experience includes executive positions with Seattle Pacific University, the Christian College Consortium, the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, and Trinity Christian College.

Dr. Werkema succeeds Dr. Lon Randall, who left the position August 10 to become associate director of the Peace Corps.

### SUPERINTENDENTS GATHER IN NORTHWEST

Yearly Meeting superintendents and executive secretaries held their annual conference September 29-October 2 in Oregon. The U.S. Quaker executives held most of their sessions at Twin Rocks Friends Camp, but also toured George Fox College, Barclay Press, and Camp Tilikum. This is the first time they have met in the Northwest.

### CHURCH PLANTING IN ATLANTA

Charity Friends Church is the name of a new meeting being established by EFC--Eastern Region as a church-planting effort in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. Pastoral leadership is being provided by Milton Leidig. Names and addresses of Friends in the Atlanta area would be helpful in establishing this church. Such information can be sent to John Ryser, 619 Allgood Road A-11, Marietta, GA 30060.

### WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Fifty Friends women in public ministry met during the triennial sessions of Friends United Meeting. The meeting was an extension of a group in the Richmond, Indiana, area that had been meeting monthly for two years. Plans call for extending the fellowship through compiling and sharing names and addresses of Friends women in public ministry, including traveling ministers, clerks, pastors, missionaries, meeting secretaries, musicians, administrators, chaplains, seminarians, and counselors. A quarterly newsletter may also be initiated. Those desiring to be on the mailing list should contact Stephanie A. Crumley-Effinger, West Richmond Meeting, 609 West Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374.

### VEGETABLE EXCHANGE

First Friends, Canton, Ohio, provided opportunity for sharing garden surplus. A table in the narthex served as a place for members to bring excess produce and make it available to the congregation.

### FELLOWSHIP OFFERED FOR QUAKER SCHOLARS

Applications are being received for the T. Wistar Brown Fellowship at Haverford College for 1982-83. The fellowship offers opportunity for research in the Quaker Collection of the Haverford library and in nearby scholarly collections. Inquiry



may be directed to the Office of the Provost, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041. Application deadline is December 31, 1981.

#### MID-AMERICA SUPERINTENDENTS RESIGN

Add two more names to the list of future changes in yearly meeting leadership. Mid-America Yearly Meeting Superintendent John Robinson and Associate Superintendent Gerald Teague have announced they will resign at the conclusion of the 1981-82 church year. Previously announced transitions in yearly meeting superintendency for next year include Rocky Mountain, Iowa, and California yearly meetings. Also changing leadership next year will be New England and Philadelphia yearly meetings.

#### SUNDAY BECOMES FUNDAY

All services were canceled at Tigard, Oregon, Friends Church one Sunday in late August. Normal services at the church were replaced by a Sunday schedule that included a film, worship and celebration, softball, games, special music, and a puppet show. The congregation met at Alpenrose Dairyland, a private park with facilities for this unique Sunday schedule that ran from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

#### FIT TO BE TIED

A weekend experience for engaged couples is being held November 20-21 at Friends University. Modeled after the Marriage Encounter weekend and conducted as an outreach of Marriage-Family Encounter, "Fit to Be Tied" is an opportunity for young couples to identify their feelings about marriage.

#### REFUSE TURNED TO RESOURCE

Senior citizens of Noblesville, Indiana, have been active in conservation of resources. In the past two years they have recycled 496 tons of refuse and have made approximately \$14,000.

#### CONCERN FOR SOUTH AFRICA

In Philadelphia Yearly Meeting a Task Force on Investment in South Africa has been studying the effect of corporate investments on the policy of racial segregation in that country. The task force report states, "We believe that the institution of apartheid in South Africa is an evil about which Friends are properly concerned. The effect of our corporate investments on this problem is not a simple matter and deserves careful study and prayerful consideration. Twenty U.S. corporations have been contacted, and careful evaluation has produced recommendations regarding investment or divestment based upon their stance toward the apartheid system in South Africa. Such information is available from the office of Testimonies and Concerns, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

#### AUCTION SALES

Two major auction sales were again held within the Evangelical Friends Alliance this fall. In Ohio, Friends Disaster Service conducted its fourth annual sale and auction, which netted a record-breaking \$18,500 for work with victims of natural disasters. Sale day was September 19 at the Tallmadge Fairgrounds. Along with the auction there was a pancake and sausage breakfast and chicken barbecue at noon.

October 9 marked the 50th Friends Bible College Ladies Auxiliary Sale in Havi-land, Kansas. Several special handmade items were prepared to commemorate the 50 years of service from the auxiliary.



FRIENDS WOMEN HOLD ANNUAL RETREATS

Eastern Region women met October 2-4 at Camp NEOSA with clinical psychologist Dr. William Williams as guest speaker. The theme for this year's event was "Yielding Every Situation."

The theme for the 12th annual Mid-America Friends women's retreat was "Ministry Without Masks." The gathering was held September 25-27 in Oklahoma City.

Women in the Northwest met September 17-20 in Walla Walla, Washington. Retreat speaker was Celia Mueller, copastor at Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington.

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's retreat featured Betty Marvin of Colorado Springs as special speaker. The women met at Horn Creek Ranch October 2-4.

NEW LOCATION, NEW NAME

Six and one-half acres of land with a 1,200-seat sanctuary near a major shopping Center is the new home of the Abundant Life Friends Center, previously South Houston Friends Church. Attendance has already doubled in the new location as the church responds to the ministry opportunities in Houston and the financial responsibilities of the new facilities.

BEING CONSIDERED

University Friends Meeting, Wichita, Kansas, is considering the establishment of a wholistic health care center. Such a ministry would follow the model of Christ in concern for spiritual, physical, and mental health. A team approach that includes physician, nurse/educator, pastoral counselor, and other professionals would be used to treat the health needs of the whole person.

And in Denver, Colorado, interest has been expressed and a meeting has been held to consider the creation of a Friends retirement home in that area.

POTPOURRI OF CLASSES, STUDY GROUPS

An interesting variety of topics is being studied in Friends churches across the country. The following are examples of approaches being used in local churches:

At First Friends, Canton, Ohio, one Sunday school class is studying Old Testament prophecy compared to today's newspaper. "Wise Up and Live" is the title of a study of Proverbs at Clackamas Park Friends, Portland, Oregon, and another Sunday school session is "Trauma of Transparency." Friendswood in Texas has a "Quaker Literature" class, and at University Meeting in Wichita, Kansas, that topic is expanded to include art. "Not by Bread Alone" at Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio, takes an in-depth look at "the forgotten sin" of gluttony. How Christians respond to the leisure crisis, television, money, and politics is included in "Finding My Place" at Tigard Friends in Oregon. Two of the Sunday school classes at Salem First in Ohio are "How to Win in a Crisis" and "Happiness Is Growing a Marriage."

A sample of weeknight classes includes a 12-week study for Christian women at Friendswood called "Renewing Love." "Living More with Less" is a Wednesday evening topic at First Friends, Alliance, Ohio, and "Jesus in Genesis" is being studied at East Richland Friends, St. Clairsville, Ohio. The Center of Christian Studies at Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, has three fall classes: "On Being Quakers--Yesterday and Today," "Moving Through Life's Stages," and "Minor Prophets Speak for Today."

At Rose Drive Friends, Yorba Linda, California, a cooperative program with Azusa Pacific University has begun with a class on "Prison and Pastoral Epistles" and another titled "Communicating the Gospel." The new program has developed from a concern for quality theological education under the auspices of Friends, and the classes are fully accredited.



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lesson to me that I will always remember. God never directs us to a different job or location without a reason. No matter how confusing it may be to us at the time, we can always rest in the knowledge that we are where God wants us to be and that He has a reason for our being there.

I spent 15 years as a "CK" (caretakers' kid) at Camp Quaker Haven and it will always be "home" to me. Summer after summer I met hundreds of people from several denominations. (We had Friends camps only three weeks out of the summer. The rest were rental camps to other churches.)

When campers would ask me where I lived, I'd proudly point to the house on the hill. The reaction was always the same. "Wow! You live *here*? When the counselors would ask me why I wasn't in my cabin, I'd just tell them, "I work here." Sometimes they wouldn't believe me so I'd take them to my mom or dad to prove it! I felt so lucky, but it wasn't all fun and games. I really *did* work there!

I started helping my mom in the camp kitchen when I was seven years old, and I've been in the that kitchen every summer since then. Why? It's my life. Camping is a part of me. Most important of all it was a family affair. It wasn't just Daddy's job, it was "our" job. My two younger sisters, Verna and Jan, were right in there too. As soon as we could count change we were working in the canteen. We also learned how to push a broom very early in life, and being in dishwater to our elbows was a fact of life.

Although my parents were busy from dawn until after midnight, we never felt neglected. I remember the first day of camp, several years ago, hearing my mom say to my dad, "See you in October!" We may have been busy, but we were busy *together*.

No doubt there are several reading this magazine who made commitments at the altar in the chapel at Camp Quaker Haven. Several of you are in full-time service for the Lord. Others made the decision to follow the Lord and are serving Him today in many walks of life.

Hundreds of people have given of their time, talents, and energies at Camp Quaker Haven to see lifelong decisions made for the Lord. But in the background—among the pans of goulash, the sloppy joes, the tons of trays, stopped-up showers, and squeaky bunk beds needing repair—were two very

special people. Others came and went, but they, along with their prayers, were constant. They were not always on stage or "up front," but they were always there. They've kept the machinery running for 25 years.

I admit I'm entitled to a little prejudice, but I also know there are many others who would like to say with me, "Thank you." Mom and Daddy would be the first to admit that there have been many times when the pressures and work load have been almost too much to bear. (Can you imagine 200 kids at your house for a week?) But, our never-failing God gave strength and energy when human frailties overcame.

Who can better say "I appreciate you" than someone who has been there through thick and thin? It's been rough at times, but it has surely been worth it. Being an instrument in God's hands is a great privilege. I'm thankful to my parents for letting me be a part.

All our praise goes to the Father, "for He doeth all things well." CPH



## AUNT LOUISE

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

Joel had been sitting under the big oak tree for just about forever! Since breakfast, anyway! It seemed like Curt would never get back from the grocery store so they

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could have some fun on this October Saturday.

Finally the brown and tan car pulled into the next driveway. Immediately Joel was over the fence and beside the car.

"Hey, Curt! Come on over! Mom said you could eat lunch with me!"

"I can't!"

"You can't? How come?"

"Aunt Louise is coming. See ya, Joel."

Joel stepped in front of Curt. "Why can't you come over when your aunt is here? What's so special about that? 'Sides, I didn't know you had an Aunt Louise."

"Sure I have an Aunt Louise. She's the best aunt in the whole world. And prettier'n any other aunt I ever saw, too. I'll show you her picture."

The boys hurried into the house. Curt brought out the framed picture of Aunt Louise. Joel looked at it. "I thought you said she was pretty!"

"She is," answered Curt. "Prettier'n any other aunt!"

"But . . ." Joel didn't know what to say. As far as he could see, she wasn't prettier than any aunt *he'd* ever seen. Quite the opposite, in fact. Aunt Louise had a big nose, and it was crooked besides. Her hair was the flyaway kind, not neat and curly like he thought was pretty. One eye drooped and there was a big brown mole in front of her right ear. She wasn't Joel's idea of pretty at all!

"She doesn't look prettier'n any other aunt I ever saw," he said rather crossly. "I don't know why you have to stay home just for her and that Halloween house."

"Just wait'll you see her," encouraged Curt. "Then you'll think she's pretty. Hey! That's an idea. Why don't you stay over and help with our Halloween house?"

So, Joel stayed over. When Aunt Louise arrived and he had his first real-live look at her, his opinion didn't change. Her hair was as fly-away as in the picture, the mole was just as big. The droopy eye and crooked nose were there, too.

Soon the boys and Aunt Louise were busy with arranging the ingredients for the candy-cookie house. Little round brown vanilla wafers, peppermint sticks, gum drops, graham crackers, and oodles of gooey, good-tasting frosting.

"It's great to have two boys for this project," said Aunt Louise merrily. "I'm awfully glad you came, Joel." She chuckled happily when frosting got on the end of Joel's nose. She laughed right out loud when one side of the house wobbled dizzily. She didn't mind at all that they had to mend the

roof three times. And Aunt Louise smelled good—spicy and sweet, like wild flowers.

While they put cookies and frosting and candies together, Aunt Louise kept up a steady conversation. She asked Joel what he liked to do best. What was his favorite story? Who was his teacher? Where did he go to Sunday school? Joel answered everything; it was fun talking with Aunt Louise. Curt joined in the conversation, too, and before they knew it, the Halloween house was all finished. It looked beautiful! Good enough to eat, in fact!

"And that's what we always do on Halloween night," said Curt. "Eat our Halloween house! Hey, Joel, can you come over and help us eat it this time? We always have a whole gob of people over—we all get a few bites of the house, and Mom makes good hot apple cider, too!"

"Will Aunt Louise be here?" Joel whispered. "She really is the best aunt! Just like you said. And she is about the prettiest aunt I've seen. I didn't think so at first, but since I got to know her, I think she is."

"See, I told you," said Curt. "She is really pretty when you know her!"

"You know somethin', Curt? I wish I had an Aunt Louise like yours! You know, really neat—and prettier'n any other aunt, besides!"



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### Rural Salvadorans to Receive Emergency Shipment

MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA—In an effort to head off the mounting threat of widespread famine in strife-torn El Salvador, three international relief agencies are cooperating in a \$768,300 emergency relief shipment. The shipment, which is providing more than 50,000 rural Salvadorans with food and vegetable seed, is being cosponsored by World Vision, the Peace Corps, and World Concern.

Relief workers in some of World Vision's 53 child-care and emergency relief centers in El Salvador have reported that food levels in many rural communities are dangerously low. "Because of the ever-increasing politi-

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cal disruption and violence on the local level, food and farming supplies are no longer available," said Stu Willcuts, associate director of World Vision's Latin American Regional Office in Costa Rica. "In many communities, most of the family breadwinners have been killed, and the economic disruption is restricting the availability and skyrocketing the cost of seed, fertilizer, and insecticides."

World Vision, along with several other agencies, is caring for some 27,000 Salvadoran refugees in the neighboring nation of Honduras.

—E.P.

### WCTU Continues 'Warfare' with 107th Annual Convention

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN—On the opening day of the 107th annual convention of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union at Calvin College here, Mrs. Kermit S. Edgar of Evanston, Illinois, president of the historic temperance organi-

zation, addressed the 800 delegates and visitors with her first keynote speech.

"We, of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, have been engaged in warfare against beverage alcohol for all of our 107 years of existence," remarked Mrs. Edgar. "Today there is more cause for our existence than when we were organized in 1874. The beverage alcohol problem is more destructive to life than ever before."

—E.P.

### Lutheran Committee Decries Neutron Weapons Move

TURKU, FINLAND—The leadership of the 54-million-member Lutheran World Federation sent letters to Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev and U.S. President Ronald Reagan on August 13 criticizing the "fearful increase in weapons of destruction." And, in a separate statement, the federation's executive committee specifically condemned the development of such weapons "as neutron warheads in various countries." The three-paragraph letter to the Soviet and U.S. leaders, which came at the end of the nine-day meeting of the 30-member executive committee, also urged an "immediate resumption of disarmament talks."

The committee's statement follows an announcement from the Reagan administration that it plans to go ahead with a full production of neutron weapons, which are designed to produce far more radiation and far less blast and heat than other tactical nuclear weapons.

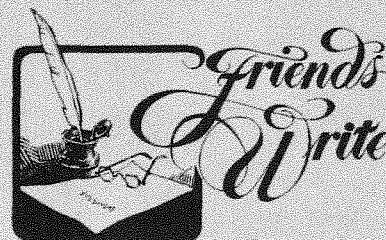
—E.P.

### Assemblies Council Told 'God Reigns in the Church'

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI—General Superintendent Thos. F. Zimmerman told an opening rally crowd of 9,000 people at the 39th General Council of the Assemblies of God August 20 that God Almighty rules supreme in His Church. Citing both Scriptures and record-setting growth trends in the denomination, Zimmerman declared that despite predictions in every generation that it would be destroyed, "The Church continues strong in this very hour."

According to Zimmerman, the Assemblies of God has grown 14.2 percent during the past two years and, in 1980, topped the one million mark in membership for the first time. The denomination established an average of six churches per week last year for a total of 300 new congregations, he said. He also noted 426,000 conversions reported by Assemblies of God churches during the past two years.

—E.P.



### Tribute to 'Teacup' Writer

■ I wish to pay a living tribute to my friend and spiritual mother, Catherine Cattell, upon her recent move from Columbus, Ohio, to Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon. Too often we wait until death before we pay tribute to those we love and appreciate.

Six and a half years ago I started a non-denominational Bible study in my neighborhood. We needed just the right leader to minister to the ladies on my street, as many were either professionals or wives of professionals. The Lord sent us Catherine D. Cattell. He always sends the right person for the job and it wasn't long until our Bible study bore fruit. Catherine has the unique gift of making the Scriptures come alive. She brings forward the practical application into all our lives.

I could write about her "Over the Teacup" columns (in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND) and the women's retreats where she ministered to large crowds as well as in church services, Sunday school classes, and banquets. But Catherine's special ministry, in my opinion, was to small groups and on a one-to-one basis. She always had a ready reply, often witty, to anyone who sought her out. Although she denies that she does counseling, I never saw her turn away anyone who needed advice, prayer, or someone to listen.

The Cattell home was always filled with a steady stream of visiting friends, missionaries, relatives, and youth wishing to "hold

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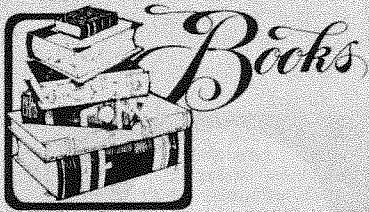
court." Often the phone would ring during one of these sessions for the very same reason. Catherine was always a gracious hostess—known for her tea and cookies.

One of my last two recollections of Catherine was of her last day in Columbus—moving day. Would you believe after the movers left, Catherine came to Bible study? She shared how the Lord had led her in each step of her life and now she was embarking on another new journey. We could only listen as Catherine closed our last meeting by praying for each of us.

SHEILA L. EVANS

Columbus, Ohio

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Richard J. Foster, *Freedom of Simplicity*, Harper & Row, 1981, 200 pp. \$9.95.

"Contemporary culture is plagued by the passion to possess . . . . The complexity of rushing to achieve and accumulate more and more frequently threatens to overwhelm us . . . . Christian simplicity frees us from this modern mania." So opens Richard Foster's book on the freedom of simplicity. By definition and illustration with a compelling style, the book deals with the nature of the discipline of Christian simplicity.

Foster emphasizes that simplicity is not a simple panacea, for there is complexity in simplicity—a paradox of life. It is a grace, a gift of God, a way of life, both easy and difficult. It involves tensions both inward and outward. On the one hand it affirms the goodness of things, but on the other it is cognizant that they can become an evil bondage.

A strong feature of the book is the author's development of the biblical roots from both the old and new covenants, and insights from the lives, testimonies, and experiences of the saints through the ages up to the present time. Matthew 6 is presented as a description and guidelines for a simplicity of life that does not need or re-

quire any human approval, but it is a life of freedom from anxiety. The lives of the saints are illustrations for us of simplicity in action—a quality of life with power and joyous witness to the love of God.

An important strength of the book is that Part I, dealing with the biblical, theological roots, is followed by "The Practice" of Part II—implications and applications. The value of this is enhanced by the fact that

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much of the material stems from personal search, inner struggles, and the joy of finding the Divine Center, Christ. From inner simplicity, with its key of obedience, to outward simplicity, with a quality of life marked by joy, progressive, practical steps are suggested. Further implications and applications are given for the Church, the body of Christ, for a wider scope that would reach out beyond themselves to the world. A life of simplicity by members of the church would release tangible results in mission to the world.

*Freedom of Simplicity* is a book for personal spiritual growth, for the development of world vision by the parochially minded. It is also an important book for study by small groups within the church. Documentation and amplified footnotes are most helpful. An index of scriptural references gives added help. The book is compelling, scholarly, and one that will promote spiritual growth. —George H. Moore



## SILENCE AND SOUND

BY NANCY THOMAS

King David writes in Psalm 65:1, "There will be silence before Thee, and praise in Zion, O God . . . ." In the margin of my Bible I noted, "Room for both Quakers and Pentecostals!" Quietness and praise. Stillness and music. Silence and sound.

I've been growing lately in two ways—one a way of sound, the other a way of silence.

Every Friday afternoon I attend a small worship service in my neighborhood. The praise time highlights this meeting. With typical Latin American fervor and emotion, these brothers and sisters sing out their adoration, hands lifted, voices raised, often singing a single refrain from Scripture over and over. Guitars, tambourines, a drum, and clapping hands mark the beat. As I join them, admonitions from the Psalms come to me: "Sing for joy in the Lord," "Sing to Him a new song," "O clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with a ringing cry," "Strike the timbrel, the sweet sounding lyre with the harp. Blow the

trumpet," "Shout joyfully before the King the Lord!"

God has created us in such a way that we need to express, verbalize, communicate out loud our love and gratitude. It's part of being made in the image of God. Religious traditions that say our worship should always be contained, dignified, and dull don't come from God. Through my Friday afternoon group I'm learning more of the joy of freely expressed worship. It pleases God.

The other way I'm growing is at once more difficult and more beautiful. The trees that line this part of my path sway in silence. Through the help of a friend and devotional literature (Teresa de Avila, Thomas Merton), I'm learning contemplative prayer. This ancient spiritual discipline (to be distinguished from transcendental meditation) teaches one to sit in absolute silence in the presence of God, without words or even thoughts. It's a call to "be still and know that I am God." It's a reaching into the silence that is the center of reality simply to *be* with God. At times I struggle, but I'm leaning into this silence. And I'm growing.

People are complex. We need both sound and silence. If pressed to say which was the more basic need, I'd probably opt for silence. But the two are linked. We enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into the inner courts (the place of silence) with praise. We need both sound and silence in our worship.

Sometimes it's hard to achieve these states. Sound can be without meaning or silence without content. The noise and clutter in the environment often build garish walls to keep out silence and make it hard to "center down" and be still. Recently the Bolivian Air Force practiced their early morning maneuvers over La Paz. As the jets cracked the sound barrier, we woke with a jerk, the thought "Revolution!" shattering our sleep. That morning, even after the noise ceased, I could not become still. Peace eluded me.

City living in itself carries with it a tension that's difficult to overcome. All the sounds conspire: traffic, electrical wires, factory whistles, school bells, radios, TV, and people, people, people. We eventually grow used to it. I've known people who turn on the radio or stereo the minute they walk into the house. They can't survive without some sound vibrating against the walls. Is it fear? Fear of the empty spaces, the wastelands behind their own eyes? Fear of God? Noise can be an evasion of reality.

At other times the environment seems perfect—early morning, a quiet mountain stream, etc., but clutter and confusion inside us prevent us entering into silence.

The silence I speak of means more than a mere lack of noise. It means more than emptiness. It has a content, a meaning, a fullness of its own. This silence is stronger than noise. A person who knows God deeply can carry his silence with him in the airport, the supermarket, and the house full of kids. And the peace of God in him reaches out and communicates to others.

And sound means more than saying the words and singing the songs prescribed in the Sunday morning bulletin. It's the indomitable expression of the light and life of God surging within us. Like a river after a strong rain, it will overflow. Nothing can stop it. "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." (Psalm 34:1 NASB)

With sound and in silence.

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## ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

### Peace Evangelical Friends Meeting Is Underway

From marriage vows to vacation Bible school and a fishing trip—all are descriptive of Peace Evangelical Friends Meeting, the newest Friends Meeting, to begin in the Denver area.

In October 1980 several families from First Denver Friends Church joined to begin the meeting in Brighton, Colorado. The town is about 20 miles northeast of Denver. Church meetings are now held at North Elementary School in Brighton.

Recent church activities have shown there is a ministry potential in the Brighton-north metro area.

The vacation Bible school averaged 42 kids, with 63 attending the final program. Church members hope through visitation to contact families who sent children to the school.

The fishing weekend youth retreat involved Brighton, Denver, and Quaker Ridge youths. The weekend's Bible study was entitled "Temptation in Wilderness." Other ac-



*Fishing Youth Retreat participants.*

tivities included fishing, games, and time around the campfire in fellowship. Twelve kids attended with Forest and Chris Townsley and Bud and Judy Van Meter, the sponsors.

A youth Bible study is now going through Dawson McClaster's "Student Relationships Manual." Three girls are involved. The new school year will hopefully bring more students into the group. The youth Sunday school class has increased in numbers and now has eight involved. The church also supports the "Youth Alive" program. Members hope to someday become involved in counseling through the program.

Judy Van Meter also relates that preparations for a toddlers class are underway.

Prayers for God's continuing guidance in the Peace Evangelical Friends Meeting are appreciated.

—compiled by Mike Henley  
from church report



*Chris Townsley (left) chats with youths at the Fishing Retreat.*

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*Peace Evangelical Friends members with visitors at the first church service.*

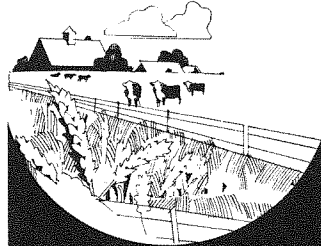
### Hay Springs Wins First Place in Local Parade

Hay Springs Church took first place in the annual Friendly Festival August 14-16. The festival theme was based on the fact the town has produced several outstanding auctioneers.

The church float featured Merle Roe, a former auctioneer, with the theme "God bid . . . Jesus paid."

The day after the parade, the church sponsored a Gospel Sing at a local park. Tom and Karen Cobb of Merriman, Nebraska, were part of the program.

Midwinter is coming! High school youths, consult your pastor for details.



## MID-AMERICA YEARLY MEETING

### Friendswood Youth Quiz-Kids!

This time the South won! They came, they saw, they conquered! They flew into the field of conflict by a circuitous route (via Chicago), arrayed themselves opposite their competitors, blitzed the field, won the day, and returned immediately to their home base by a waiting plane! Their weeks of training, days of drill, and restless anticipation had honed them to a razor edge of quickness and accuracy. And it had resulted in victory.

The Friendswood, Texas, Friends High School Bible Quiz Team won the National EFA Quiz-off at the EFA General Conference August 1981, at Malone College in Canton, Ohio. Coach Beryl Cline led his squad of "Quiz-Kids" through a hard-fought, highly emotional contest against the able Willoughby Hills, Ohio, team and experienced the agony and the ecstasy that is the lot of all such events.

At one time in the play, at the end of round one, Friendswood was reported to have lost the first skirmish. But while the teams retired to regroup, the coaches and referees discovered an error in scoring—the teams were at a draw! The sudden-death round itself was a microcosm of the whole—with parry and thrusts, answers challenged, and judges huddling, until, in a flash of brilliance, a perfectly quoted passage of Scripture won the round for Friendswood, for Texas, and for MAYM.

The second series of searching queries drew upon every cell and sinew of each team. The teams saw-sawed their way through another



*Friendswood Bible quiz team (left to right): Beryl Cline, Elaine Roach, Jay Williams, Mike Glisson, Forrest Williams, Sheila Pledger.*

round of questions designed to test the mettle of any contestant. Muscles flexed, adrenalin flowed, minds flashed, nerves tensed—up and down, back and forth the score went until the final gasp and the last hurrah faded, leaving only the victors and the vanquished.

We add to the laurel won—scholarships for each team member plus suitably inscribed plaques—our own congratulations to "Beryl's Bunch": Forrest Williams, Elaine Roach, Sheila Pledger, Mike Glisson, and Jay Williams.

Hail to the contest that knew no losers—how can any lose with so much Bible committed to heart and mind? Hail to the Author of the Word whose sayings were so broadly extolled! Hail to the homes and churches (Willoughby Hills and Friendswood) who are so enriched by such valiant soldiers of the Cross!

—Gerald (Howard Cosell) Teague

### Churches Recognize Heritage

Council House Meeting near Wyandotte, Oklahoma, celebrated its 100th anniversary on September 13. This Friends church, pastored by Phil and Lee Herr, has a unique ministry and history. Not only is it a local meeting of MAYM, but it is also under the oversight of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs (ACFIA). It was among the first Indian missions established in the Oklahoma Territory in 1881. "The first period of Friends Missions [to Indians] was one of growth. Four monthly meetings, 13 preparative and 23 other meetings were established. A number of meeting houses were built and a quarterly meeting was set up. These had a total membership of 426 Indians and 567 white people. There were 867 enrolled in Sunday School." (page 33, *Our First Hundred Years MAYM*)

Seiling Meeting in that city in Oklahoma was established in 1906. They have just finished their fifth major building program and dedicated their lovely new facilities, which have just about doubled their space, on September 20, as they celebrated their 75th anniversary. Building projects in 1920, 1946, 1963, and in 1980 attest to the progressiveness and obedient response to challenge that characterizes Seiling meeting.

Fowler Meeting in Fowler, Kansas, too, was established in 1906, meeting first in a schoolhouse, then in the newly built facilities of Fowler Academy. In 1916 a new church was constructed that served until 1955 when, on a new site, the present modern brick structure was built. They celebrated their 75th anniversary on September 20.

Liberal Meeting in that city of western Kansas celebrates their 10th anniversary in their present modern and attractive building built in 1972, with "Heritage Day" on

November 29. Founded in 1915 as the second Friends meeting in Liberal, the meeting has experienced several changes and forward steps of development. "Heritage Day" ought to be a rich day of "remembering" and "resolving" toward further progress.

### Western Area Unites in Mission Project

When Western Area met in Fowler, Kansas, June 13, the seven churches of the Area (Western Kansas and the panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas) joined in the purpose of obtaining a piano for the Friends Kickapoo Indian Mission in McLoud, Oklahoma, near Oklahoma City. Leon Hale of "Brier & Hale Music" in Liberal, Kansas, will assist in its purchase, and Gary and Debbie Bonsall have volunteered to make delivery to the mission.

### Frances Smith Honored

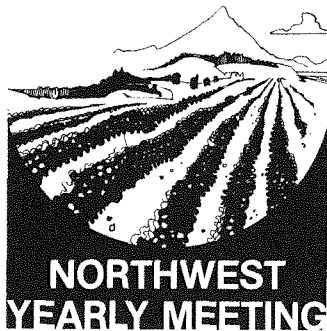
A beautiful natural-wood, hand-crafted clock with an engraved plaque attached, and a standing expression of appreciation were little enough to present to Frances Smith, who had served efficiently with



Christian love and commitment as secretary in the Yearly Meeting office for the past 11 years. She was thus recognized during the sessions of Yearly Meeting.

Frances left the work here to assume other employment, and we wish her well in her new endeavor. She takes with her a memory bank of information. Folk "out there" who were used to visiting with her on the telephone or here in the office about missionary deputation, shipping, insurance, news, supplies, and countless other details, will miss her as we do. Your personal note of appreciation sent to her home will certainly be in order (526 Martinson, Wichita, KS 67203).

However, the Lord has providentially given us a sharp and dedicated successor in the person of Lillian Louthan. Agnes Hain continues to serve part time as financial secretary. We are further assisted with the secretarial experience and skills of Danette (Littlefield) Radcliffe. We (and you in MAYM) are indeed fortunate to have such workers to care for our needs.



### Knights Return to Mission Field

Roscoe and Tina Knight have been placed under appointment by the Department of Missions, Northwest Yearly Meeting, to return to Peru and Bolivia this fall. They will assume responsibilities of coordinating and directing the expansion projects of Friends into new areas in both countries. The Knights are experienced missionaries in church planting and nurture. They will probably live in Arequipa, Peru, and travel to places as needed.

### Oscar Brown Named Financial Secretary

Oscar Brown, Northwest Yearly Meeting pastor and former missionary, has been named the new financial secretary for Northwest Yearly Meeting. Oscar and Ruth are currently associate pastors of the Korean Church in Portland and recently traveled to Korea to attend special meetings under the sponsorship of the Korean Church in Portland.

### Quaker Hill Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Friends in Idaho gathered at McCall recently to observe the 50th anniversary of the Quaker Hill Conference. Held during the annual Family Camp, at least 12 people were present who attended the first camp there in 1931. Walter Lee told of the early years of the camp, and Quaker Hill Director Jon Koch presented the current ministries and plans of Quaker Hill.

Later in the summer the new underground dormitory facility was put to excellent use during the Greenleaf Academy "First Week" held each year at Quaker Hill. Buz Bloodgood, pastor at Post Falls Friends in northern Idaho, was the evangelist for these meetings.

### November 22 Named As Day of Prayer

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22, is being suggested as a special day of prayer across Northwest Yearly Meeting, with each church encouraged to participate.

Many churches have the custom of receiving a special Thanksgiving

offering for overseas relief through the World Relief Commission of the NAE, and this year a wider dimension of this concern is proposed with time set apart in morning worship for spiritual reflection of praise and petition for the many ministries of our church. A list of prayer requests will be available for church bulletin use, with each family encouraged to begin the day in unhurried family worship, or to spend special time together following the noon meal or in the evening. Involving children and youth in prayer for particular concerns of the Yearly Meeting is one opportunity in this special day of prayer emphasis.

### Did You Know That . . .

... *Harvey Bowen*, pastor of the Kent, Washington, Extension Friends Church, was recorded as a Friends minister during Northwest Yearly Meeting sessions in July?

... *Dwaine and Becky Williams* and children returned to Spokane and other parts for quick visits with friends and family after a year of Spanish language study in Guadalajara, Mexico, and recently arrived in Peru for their first term of missionary service?

... Woodland Friends Church has a new pastor—*Rob King*, along with his wife, Betty, and daughter. He began as pastor this month. Rob is from Star, Idaho, and recently was graduated from George Fox College.

... *John and Martha Beck* have joined the pastoral team at Tigard Friends, having finished their work at Fuller Seminary?

... *Marvin and Bette Hall* are now pastoring the Friendsville Friends Meeting in Friendsville, Tennessee, Wilmington Yearly Meeting?

... for the first time the Yearly Meeting Great Commission Budget was fully met this past year, with \$68 over? In previous years all bills had been paid, but only by cutting back on approved programs, missionary needs, or other restrictions. By comparison, the budget was more than \$30,000 short the previous year. A budget of \$511,000 is proposed for this year with some pledges yet to be made this month.

... *Wayne and Beverly Chapman* are now in Guadalajara, Mexico, studying Spanish in preparation for missionary service in Bolivia or Peru? Classes began September 7 and their children, Amy and Nicholas, are attending a local kindergarten.

... a fellowship group is meeting under the sponsorship of Newberg Friends with about five families committed and commissioned to consider starting a new church, possibly in the growing population area around Springbrook?

... Friends Women's Missionary Fellowship of Northwest Yearly Meeting (formerly known as Women's Missionary Union) met recently in Walla Walla? Celia Mueller, copastor of Friends Memorial in Seattle, Washington, was the speaker.

Bertie Roberts of Central Point, Oregon, led the Bible study.

### East Boise Friends Begin Worship Services

Friends at the new church in East Boise began with worship services September 27, meeting in a "church house," a remodeled house purchased as temporary facilities.

Kurt Eschelman is the first pastor; Kurt and Charlotte come from Boise Friends, which is also the sponsoring "mother" church of the new congregation. Boise Friends is providing special music each Sunday, as well as many other provisions, and encouragement to the new group.

East Boise is currently providing a day-care center for the community in the same building. The center is under the direction of Greenleaf Friends Academy, and Karen Smitherman is director of the day-care education program.

### Christian Education Workshops Scheduled

Workshops led by Evangelical Friends Alliance Christian education specialists and Northwest Yearly Meeting representatives are scheduled throughout the Yearly Meeting this month as follows:

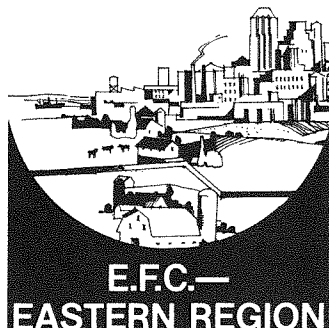
Salem Area	.....	Wed., Oct. 14
Medford Area	.....	Thurs., Oct. 15
Portland, Newberg, Southwest		
Washington	.....	Fri., Oct. 16
Seattle Area	.....	Mon., Oct. 19
Spokane Area	.....	Tues., Oct. 20
Idaho Area	.....	Wed., Oct. 21

### Around George Fox College

George Fox College celebrates its 90th birthday October 12 with a convocation program, special luncheon, and large 90th birthday cake. The celebration is held in conjunction with the annual Fall Convocation. Guest speaker will be Kenneth Kantzer, editor of *Christianity Today* magazine. The cake, feeding about 1,000 persons, was made by Mel Schroeder, director of the college's Television Center.

Two new George Fox College board members were appointed by Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church and 13 others returned to the college board. LeRoy Benham, president of Climax Manufacturing Co., Newberg, and John Holton, a dentist from Caldwell, Idaho, will be serving for the first time in this capacity.

Harold A. Ankeny has been named Director of Research and Planning for George Fox College, a new position. Ankeny joined the college staff in 1968 as dean of students and in 1972 became financial aid director. Replacing Ankeny as director of financial aid is Terry Bell, coming to George Fox after 10 years at Salem Academy as a teacher and later a director of guidance.



### New Malone College President Named

At a special meeting on September 19 the Malone College Board of Trustees named the new president of Malone College. He is Dr. Gordon R. Werkema, 44, of Wenham, Massachusetts; he will assume his administrative duties within the next few months.

Dr. Werkema comes to Canton from his position as executive vice-president of Gordon College, where



Dr. Gordon Werkema

he has served since 1978. Prior to that, he was executive vice-president of Seattle Pacific University 1977-78, president of the Christian College Consortium 1974-77 and associate executive director of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges 1973-74 with offices in Washington, D.C.

As successor to Dr. Lon Randall, who left the position August 10, Dr. Werkema holds the Ed.D. degree from the University of Denver, specializing in general administration: higher education and teacher education. His thesis entitled "The Law and the Non-public School" was written under a cooperative research grant from the U.S. Office of Education.

From 1969 to 1973 he was president of Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois, and he has had considerable experience in administering private Christian high schools.

"We look forward to working with Dr. Werkema," said Bruce Bixler,

chairman of the Malone Board of Trustees. "He is an experienced Christian educator and will contribute much to Malone College at this point in history."

Mrs. Werkema is the former Jacklyn Brumels. The Werkemas have five children.

### Focus on Malone

New members of the Malone College Board of Trustees are *Edie Batton*, chairman of Malone's Women's Advisory Council and Canton's 1981 "Woman of the Year"; *James L. Powell*, division manager of Ohio Power Company; *Frank Raymond*, resident in obstetrics and gynecology at Doctors Hospital in Columbus and a '66 Malone graduate; and *William Clark*, president and treasurer of Hilsher-Clarke Electric Company.

Board members reappointed after a one-year sabbatical include *Galen Weingart*, pastor of Westgate Friends Church and presiding clerk of the Yearly Meeting; *Edward Mitchell*, general surgeon practicing in Alliance; and *Harry Mosher*, vice-president of Turner and Shepard, Inc., in Columbus.

"The Tie That Binds" was the theme of a Marriage and Family Conference hosted by Malone College the weekend of October 9 and 10. Dr. Richard Dobbins, founder of EMERGE Ministries in Akron, delivered the keynote address and conducted a workshop on second marriages. Other workshop leaders were Dr. Kenneth Markley of the Naramore Christian Foundation; Joan and Mike Hoxsey, family life directors of the Youngstown Diocese; and Jan Kiemel Rasm, a practicing psychologist from Cleveland.

November 13 is the date set for "An Evening with Ann Kiemel." One of the most-sought-after inspirational speakers in America, Miss Kiemel will be presented in Malone's Osborne Hall at 8:00 p.m. Her book, *I'm Out to Change My World*, has touched dozens of readers because of the dynamic message of a woman eager to share Christ's love with childlike simplicity and sincerity.

Camp Wakonda was the setting for the Faculty Retreat, which is held annually prior to the opening of Fall Term. Dr. Ron Johnson, vice-president for academic affairs and interim executive officer, presided during the two-day conference. Much time was given to small group discussions of the report of the Long-Range Planning Committee. New faculty members introduced at the retreat included Dr. Martha Cook, director of academic advising and records; Ruth Myers, instructor in English; Lawrence Ressler, assistant professor of social work; Dr. Robert Loffredo, assistant professor of chemistry; and Vivian Gladden, instructor in art.

## FRIENDS GATHER

### ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

A spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm prevailed as the DVBS staff, coordinated by Sharon Lloyd and Judy Hubbard, implemented the theme "Jesus, Your Word Lives in Me." Over 20 children accepted Christ under the pastor's guidance. Average attendance numbered over 100. Offerings totaling \$187 were given for playground equipment for the Christian School in Chhatarpur, India.

The Friends Bible College Singers from Haviland, Kansas, conducted a morning worship service recently.

A class on "How to Win a Child to Christ" was held for all children's workers. Pastor and Sally Ruff presented ideas concerned with age differences of children and their varying needs.

### BETHANY, Wadsworth, Ohio

Earl and Catherine Smith delighted the children of all ages with their warmth, singing, and puppetry during DVBS. The offerings were used to purchase tools for the Friends Disaster Service and were presented to Dean Johnson during the closing program.

The all-church picnic, planned and executed by the pastor and elders, was a time of rich fellowship.

### CANTON, Ohio

The first covered dish Father-Son picnic was held at a public park with lots of games, water balloons, and fun for dads, sons, and "adopted for the day" friends.

A potluck supper was enjoyed at the annual Sunday School Picnic, along with special singing by the Men's Quartet, volleyball, and softball.

Four consecutive Wednesdays, a men's noon-hour fellowship was held with the theme "What Kind of Men Does God Want Us to Be?"

Vacation Bible school was devoted to a study of the Beatitudes. Highest attendance was 173 children and 48 workers.

The congregation was greatly ministered to by the Young Ladies Ensemble with a song, "I Want You, Lord," accompanied by its composer, Jody Davidson, age 13.

### DAMASCUS, Ohio

Watson Cosand, youth director, directed the King's Kids Summer Ministries and toured Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, and Rhode Island giving concerts.

Films shown in the parking lot following Wednesday night prayer meetings have been a community outreach to share in viewing good family and Christian films.

Pastoral intern Dan Bilkert, who has now entered Asbury Seminary,

was honored at a reception the last of August.

### EAST RICHLAND St. Clairsville, Ohio

Twenty ladies are involved in two 3-D (Diet, Discipline, and Discipleship) groups meeting at the church on Wednesday evenings.

Graduating high school seniors were presented with Ryrie Study Bibles from the Education Commission.

The church is sponsoring three men's softball teams and two ladies volleyball teams.

The Mowery's singing family of Bluffton ministered in a service recently.

Friends Bible College Singers of Haviland, Kansas, presented a Sunday evening concert.

### FERRY ROAD, Danville, Virginia

Pastor Mangrum concluded recently a series of "Family Emphasis Days" with Mother's Day, Church Roll Call Sunday, Family Day, Youth Day, Baby Day, Kids' Day, and Father's Day. Each Sunday a short program for the day was provided. At the conclusion a surprise Pastor Appreciation Day was held.

Average attendance for DVBS was 39. After the closing program everyone enjoyed a salad supper.

### FOWLER, Kansas

The Friends Youth raised \$200 from their rummage sale to be used for the Summer Ministries program of the Yearly Meeting. Rod and Barbara Routon, missionaries in Mexico City, recently shared their experiences and pictures of their work.

### FRIENDS MEMORIAL Seattle, Washington

We're looking forward to an exciting fall season here at Friends, beginning by offering the Dobson Film Series on Sunday mornings to all junior high through adult classes during the Meeting for Learning.

In October we will begin small groups for in-depth Bible studies and discipling. All of the groups met together at the meetinghouse the first Sunday evening of the month, and then will meet in homes the remaining three Sundays.

November 1 and 2 Dr. Sheldon Louthan will be here as guest speaker for the Woodward Memorial Lecture Series.

### HAVILAND, Kansas

A much-needed new sound system has been installed with eight microphone inputs, replacing the two old ones. Along with four stage monitors to let the musicians hear one another, a sound booth was installed in the balcony and adequate speakers hung from the ceiling.



### IMMANUEL Eden, North Carolina

The Immanuel Friends senior FY went for their fifth annual retreat at Camp Stoney Mill in Virginia August 21-23. The theme this year was "Evangelism and You!" About 35 youth came this year. The speaker Friday evening was Steve Martin. Saturday the youth chose one out of three classes to attend. The classes were "But, I Want to Be Popular" taught by Eric Woods, "After School, Then What?" taught by Rodney Powell, and "Me and My Influence on Others" taught by Scott Woody. A number were saved; some rededicated their lives.

### KICKAPOO, McCloud, Oklahoma

Ron and Janis Wood, directors of this Indian work in central Oklahoma, report good results from holding chapel services monthly at a nearby prison. Several men have testified to how the Lord is helping them in their confinement and how much they appreciate our group's involvement.

### LIBERAL, Kansas

The Outreach Board hosted an Austerity Banquet in response to the Miss-a-Meal EFA Project. Filmstrips were shown and the question "But, what can we do about world hunger?" was posed. The answer we believe is that by being a part of World Relief we will be providing food for the body as well as the soul.

### MIAMI, Oklahoma

Our new Little Friends Day Care Center is in full operation. The center provides care and education in a Christian atmosphere for children of working parents. This is proving to be a valid means of outreach in our community.

### MORNINGSIDE Port St. Lucie, Florida

Five junior high teens, accompanied by Pastor Frost, attended Camp Caesar, profiting greatly from the fellowship and spiritual ministry of the camp.

Jim and Polly Prieto of Lisbon, Ohio, were guests for the July Fellowship Supper, presenting a program of gospel music and testimony. Other midsummer guests have been Russell and Marjorie Myers and the "Young Believers." Local members Dave and Pam Burch were directors of this group, with its tour including a mission trip to Jamaica.

Doug Burch, a senior at Malone College, has been doing his internship in pastoral ministry at Morningside.

The Lord's blessing has been on the church this summer, with a grand service the last of July, when the altar was filled with seekers, many of whom were making their first public commitment to the Lord.

### MT. GILEAD, Ohio

Cliff and Betty Robinson of Leadership Ministries International shared in both morning and evening services, showing slides of their ministry in India.

The tour group from Montezuma Indian Christian School, Cottonwood, Arizona, under the direction of Mrs. Ward French, ministered in music and readings in an evening service.

Dr. Walter M. Furbay, son of Walter and Leta Furbay, flew to Kenya, East Africa, as a member of "Inter-Link and International Farming" to aid with the great food problem in that area.

The Friends Disaster under the leadership of Harry and Ruth Brokaw greatly assisted in cleanup after the devastating tornado that hit Cardington. The fellowship hall was used for housing and meals.

Rev. Kenneth Marsh and Dean Johnson filled the pulpit recently when Pastor Robinson assisted in the dedication of the new church building in Mexico City.

### NORTHRIDGE, Wichita, Kansas

Our junior high youth invited University Friends and Derby youth to their "Last-Days-Before-School-Lock-In." What's a Lock-In? All night fun, food, and fellowship—no sleeping allowed.

FOCAS—"Fellowship of Christian Adult Singles" is a new weekly Bible study spearheaded by Randy and Charlene Littlefield. One of the group, Bob Hutson, is leading the first sessions on "The Psychology of Atheism."

Arden and Joy Sanders and sons, home from Papua New Guinea after serving a term with Wycliffe Bible Translators, recently shared in our services before moving to California, where Arden will continue his education in linguistics. They plan to return to the field in two years.

Dr. Cecil Riney, chairman of Fine Arts at Friends University and director of the Singing Quakers for the past 22 years, has joined our team as minister of music.

Pastors David and Marcile Leach are giving inspiring, challenging, and loving leadership since their initial beginning as interim pastors and now full-time pastors.

### NORTH VALLEY Newberg, Oregon

Sunday evenings we have been studying, and trying to incorporate into our lives, the fruit of the Spirit. These were unique services with different families participating and practical examples given.

Harry Selby accepted our call as youth pastor. Harry, his wife Sophronia, and their two children, moved here the first of September.

We greatly profited from a meeting with Armin Guesswein and Asbjorn Johansen. Asbjorn, who is from Norway, spoke on "Spiritual Renewal."

Our grade school youth have not had a regular VBS this year. Dave and Mary Myton planned several half-day outings as an alternate form of VBS. The summer events were concluded with an all-church Barbecue and Game Day at the church.

### PELHAM, Ontario, Canada

In a Sunday evening service recently, the new \$50,000 addition was dedicated, with Russell Myers officiating. Also present was Daniel Frost and his family, former pastor. Local talent presented music, along with the "Brothers and Sisters," from Fenwick.

The "Muppet Team" directed DVBS, which was a first at the church. There were 100 in attendance.

### RAISIN VALLEY Adrian, Michigan

Earl and Catherine Smith brought "Foxy and Friends" to minister during DVBS.

The senior FY sponsored an evening service with the film *Touch of the Master's Hand* being shown. Refreshments were served.

### REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

Reedwood youth, led by Paul Bock, have recently returned from a camping trip in Colorado. During the trip the group experimented in their faith through an effort to be devoted to one another. Upon their return, many youth expressed a desire to share their experience with others outside their group in order to share joy in Christ.

September at Reedwood means a renewal of Sunday school activities. On August 18 teachers met with Paul Anderson and Wynne Corbin to discuss the fall program, to encourage each other, and to share ideas.

### ROLLIN, Addison, Michigan

DVBS was held with 66 children in attendance.

Pastor and Mrs. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Naylor accompanied eight young people to Ohio, camping for a weekend. Spiritual growth was experienced.

### ROSE VALLEY Kelso, Washington

Vacation Bible school was held August 10-14, with an average of 40 children attending. The central theme was "Lost and Found" and presented a great opportunity to explain salvation through Christ.

Fall scheduling began on September 13 with Roscoe and Tina Knight sharing from their experience in missionary service.

An exciting time of goal setting for our church took place on October 10 with special guest Jack Willcuts.

### SMITHFIELD, Ohio

The local church was host for the community DVBS with many church

members serving as teachers and aides.

The church sponsored a pizza stand at the county fair, with money used to send children and youth to summer camps.

An ice cream social and softball game preceded the district meeting held at the local church.

### TECUMSEH, Michigan

John Williams, Sr., became the pastor of the local church August 16. Charles S. Ball of Worthington, Ohio, served as interim pastor from June 14 until mid-August.

### URBANA, Ohio

Francis and Kathryn Connor celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with open house in the fellowship hall. Following a trip to California and Hawaii, the Connors, teachers in Urbana schools, ministered for a short time in Rough Rock Friends Mission in Arizona.

Family Night, hosted by the Elsie Matti Missionary Society, was a reception for the new pastor, David Byrne, and his wife, Joyce, and baby daughter, Laura. David is a recent graduate of Asbury Seminary.

### WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

On two separate Wednesday evenings the congregation joined Calvary Friends to hear the King's Kids and the Youth Orchestra.

The Puppeteers from Eastern Region ministered to the 120 children enrolled in DVBS. There were 32 staff members.

Farewells were said recently to Catherine Cattell, who has moved to Newberg, Oregon, and to the Mike Thornburg family, who will be pastoring at Danville, Indiana.

The church is sponsoring two men's softball teams and one ladies' ball team.

### WEST PARK, Cleveland, Ohio

As the congregation sang the Doxology, the mortgage went up in flames. The 20-year mortgage on their beautiful church building was paid off in 11 years. George Brough, elder of stewardship, and Don Brough, treasurer; Russell Myers; Earl Smith, former pastor; and Pastor Mark Engel participated in the service. Earl Smith, pastor for 18 years, sang "The Church's One Foundation" and reflected on the past and looked to the future. Pastor Engel emphasized the words of Christ, "I Will Build My Church."

### YPSILANTI, Michigan

Fifteen men and women from the local church worked with Friends Disaster Service in Findlay, Ohio, after a destructive flood.

The senior FY recently participated in a 20-mile Bike-A-Thon.

The special project this year for DVBS was the purchase of a rickshaw for Norma Freer's Christian school in India.

# FRIENDS RECORD

## BIRTHS

**AHERN**—To Tony and Sue Ahern, a daughter, Ellen Margaret, by adoption, July 28, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

**ARQUETTE**—To Denis and Kathy Arquette, a daughter, Stephanie Adele, July 31, 1981, Willoughby, Ohio.

**BARTLETT**—A son, Eric Warren, to Steve and Dana Bartlett, June 4, 1981, Haviland, Kansas.

**BENNETT**—To David and Connie Bennett, a daughter, Rachel Irene, June 8, 1981, Willoughby, Ohio.

**CARR**—To Cyril and Beverly Carr, a daughter, Brook Ina, September 10, 1981, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**CERVELLI**—To Bruce and Debbie Cervelli, a son, Bruce Allen, May 22, 1981, Bellaire, Ohio.

**CREIGHTON**—To Richard and Becky Creighton, a son, Richard Carroll, April 21, 1981, Cable, Ohio.

**DIGGS**—To Dale and Jane Diggs, a son, Jason Dale, April 13, 1981, Wickliffe, Ohio.

**DUDELSTON**—A son, Jeremiah Rodney, to Gary and Leisha Dudelston, August 20, 1981, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**EISELE**—A son, Dehn Aslen, to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eisele, August 4, 1981, Hesper Friends, Eudora, Kansas.

**EMRY**—To Doug and Linda Emry, a son, Adam Ross, July 27, 1981, Boise Friends, Idaho.

**FLETCHER**—To Gary and June Fletcher, a son, Jami Lane, May 11, 1981, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

**FRAZEE**—A son, Jacob Martin, to John and Pam Frazee, August 11, 1981, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**GERIG**—To Leon and Tricia Gerig, a son, Drew Leon, July 5, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

**GIBSON**—To David and Patti Gibson, a daughter, Gwendolyn Patrice, June 8, 1981, Willowick, Ohio.

**HARRIS**—To Jack and Jean Harris, a son, Joel Daniel, July 29, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

**HARVEY**—A son, Bret, to Bob and Sandy Harvey, August 14, 1981, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**HARVEY**—A son, Derek William, to Brad and Liz Harvey, August 18, 1981, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**HUDSON**—To Jim and Barb Hudson, a daughter, Kimberly Beth, July 28, 1981, Boise Friends, Idaho.

**JANZ**—To Ray and Lorrie Janz, a son, Timothy Carl, July 21, 1981, Eastlake, Ohio.

**LOFGREN**—A son, Samuel Edward, to Milton Edward and Marlene Lofgren, June 19, 1981, Haviland, Kansas.

**McCARTNEY**—To Mike and Beth McCartney, a son, Jeffrey, July 7, 1981, Damascus, Ohio.

**MILETICH**—To Paul and Bonnie Miletich, a daughter, Melanie Kathryn, May 6, 1981, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

**NEWLAND**—A daughter, Lesa Dawn, to Dennis and Judi Newland, Booker, Texas.

**NIX**—A daughter, Shana Lynn, to Leon and Cheryl Nix, Topeka, Kansas.

**O'BRYAN**—To Steve and Elaine O'Bryan, a daughter, Lisa Marie, March 27, 1981, Chardon, Ohio.

**OEHLERT**—A daughter, Christina Kay, to Richard and Janaice (Martin) Oehlert, July 7, 1981, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**PALMER**—A son, Michael Damion, to Pam and Ron Palmer, August 1, 1981, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**PARRIS**—A son, William Nathaniel, to David and Sue Parris, August 7, 1981, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**PAXSON**—To John and Sue Paxson, a son, Eric John, May 13, 1981, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

**PENNA**—A son, to Frank and Janet Penna, May 6, 1981, Haviland, Kansas.

**PETERSON**—To David and Linda (Kerr) Peterson, a daughter, Beth Ann, July 11, 1981, Damascus, Ohio.

**PORTER**—To Wes and Connie Porter, a son, James Wesley, August 15, 1981, Boise Friends, Idaho.

**RATCLIFF**—A son, Clark Wesley, to Clark and Stacey Ratcliff, June 1, 1981, Friendswood, Texas.

**RICE**—A daughter, Whitney Michelle, to Lynn and Terry Rice, June 8, 1981, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**SALLASKA**—A son, Clinton Lyndon, to Gary and Cynthia Sallaska, April 27, 1981, Liberal, Kansas.

**SANDERS**—A son, Caleb Robert, to Arden and Joy Sanders, June 14, 1981, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**SHAFFER**—A son, Robert Ryan, July 9, 1981, to Bob and Connie Shaffer, Burundi, Africa.

**SMITH**—To Laura Smith, a daughter, Sara Jane, July 2, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

**STIRLING**—A son, John Gares, to Anita and Jim Stirling, July 15, 1981, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**SWEETMAN**—A son, Robert Watson, II, to Robert and Joyce Sweetman, June 21, 1981, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**TEAGUE**—A daughter, Casey Sherree, to Scott and Collette Teague, July 19, 1981, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**TRAVIS**—To Jay and Misty Travis, a daughter, Rachael Lynn, May 25, 1981, Barnesville, Ohio.

**UNDERWOOD**—To Dennis and Karen Underwood, a son, Dennis James, June 29, 1981, Danville, Virginia.

**WEBSTER**—To Dalton and Brenda Webster, a son, Joshua Kristin, May 19, 1981, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

**WOJTOWICZ**—To Louis and Pam Wojtowicz, a daughter, Brandy Lynn, June 4, 1981, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

**WOLFE**—A son, Eric Christopher, to Brian and Barbara Wolfe, July 31, 1981, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**WOODS**—To Kirk and Donna (Davis) Woods, a daughter, Heidi Breana, June 6, 1981, Timber Creek Friends, Atlanta, Kansas.

## MARRIAGES

**ADAMS-MOORE**. Teri Adams and Doug Moore, August 22, Rose Valley Friends, Kelso, Washington.

**BRACKMAN-HOLMES**. Barbara Brackman and James H. Holmes, May 27, 1981, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**CLARK-DAUTERMAN**. Melody Clark and Steve Dauterman, June 27, 1981, Alliance, Ohio.

**CLINE-BACON**. Debbie Cline and Doyle Bacon, June 6, 1981, Plains, Kansas.

**COLEMAN-SANTEE**. Teresa Coleman and James Santee, August 1, 1981, Damascus, Ohio.

**COMFORT-FODGE**. Judith Comfort and Jonathan Fodge, August 29, 1981, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**COWAN-ARMSTRONG**. Carolyn Cowan and Donald Armstrong, August 8, 1981, Natches Presbyterian Church, Natches, Washington.

**DUNN-McKELVEY**. Terrie Dunn and Don McKelvey, May 9, 1981, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

**FERGUSON-BILLINGSLEY**. Helen Ferguson and David Billingsley, July 2, 1981, Friendswood, Texas.

**FLEZAR-WALTZ**. Patricia Flezar and Daniel Waltz, May 23, 1981, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

**GALBRAITH-DOWEL**. Christal Galbraith and Carl Dowell, May 16, 1981, Enid, Oklahoma.

**GREER-HOYT**. Brenda Greer and Kevin Hoyt, May 30, 1981, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**HANDY-EHINGER**. Judy Ann Handy and Larry Carl Ehinger, July 4, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

**HICKS-FRENCH**. Frances Hicks and Arthur French, of Newberg at Jennings Lodge, Oregon, August 6, 1981.

**HILL-WYMAN**. Olive Hill and Bryan Wyman, June 20, 1981, Booker, Texas.

**LITTLEFIELD-RADCLIFFE**. Danette Littlefield and Bruce Radcliffe, July 11, 1981, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**LOVE-LAPOSKI**. Penny Love and Steve Laposki, June 27, 1981, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

**MARSHALL-HINDS**. Paula Denise Marshall and John M. Hinds, August 22, 1981, Great Bend, Kansas.

**MAXWELL-TOMICH**. Karen Maxwell and Lonny Tomich, August 8, 1981, Boise Friends, Idaho.

**MEYER-ADAMS**. Joni Meyer and Calvin Adams, June 12, 1981, Booker, Texas.

**MILLAGE-BEVERIDGE**. Dawn Marie Millage and Kenneth Beveridge, September 5, 1981, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**MILLER-WHITTAKER**. Darla Miller and Ron Whittaker, June 26, 1981, Ramona, Oklahoma.

**NOBLE-CORBIN**. Valerie Noble and Timothy Corbin, May 24, 1981, Adrian, Michigan.

**OLSON-ARMSTRONG**. Charlyn Olson and Steven Armstrong, April 10, 1981, Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

**QUINTON-WALKER**. Kathy Quinton and Marvin Walker, June 13, 1981, Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

**RARDEN-FULTON**. Donna Rarden and Roger Fulton, June 27, 1981, Dodge City, Kansas.

**RAY-SHRADER**. Leona Ray and Max Shrader, June 20, 1981, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

**RIGGS-CARPENTER**. Linda Riggs and Sheldon Carpenter, June 13, 1981, Pratt, Kansas.

**ROTH-ELSASS**. Nancy Roth and Dale Elsass, July 18, 1981, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

**RUFF-ABBOTT**. Beth Ruff and Jim Abbott, April 25, 1981, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

**SHACKELFORD-ENGEL**. Terri Ellen Shackelford and Mark A. Engel, July 11, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

**SNYDER-FRANTZ**. Brenda Snyder and Duane Frantz, August 22, 1981, Trinity Friends Church, Lisbon, Ohio.

**STEDHAM-PICKETT**. Connie Stedham and Russell Pickett, August 15, 1981, Rose Valley Friends, Kelso, Washington.

**SULZBACH-MILLER**. Jacque Sulzbach and David Miller, July 25, 1981, Vale, South Dakota.

**WALLIS-OLSEN**. Lori Wallis and Mark Olsen, June 27, 1981, Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

**WALTERS-THOMAS**. Mary Walters and Patrick Thomas, August 1, 1981, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**WHITEMAN-CONDON**. Cora Whiteman and Kyle Condon, August 1, 1981, Timber Creek Friends, Atlanta, Kansas.

**WOODS-BACON**. Nancy Woods and Dan Bacon, May 2, 1981, Garden City, Kansas.

**YARBROUGH-BAKER**. Cindy Yarbrough and James Baker, May 4, 1981, Timber Creek Friends, Atlanta, Kansas.

## DEATHS

**BARKER**—Roy Barker, June 7, 1981, Ramona Friends, Oklahoma.

**BAUMGARTEN**—Ethyl Baumgarten, June 22, 1981, Adrian, Michigan.

**BILYEU**—Roger Bilyeu, May 31, 1981, Ramona, Oklahoma.

**BOND**—Orvel Bond, August 16, 1981, Plains, Kansas.

**COLEMAN**—Mark Coleman, 15, July 29, 1981, Damascus, Ohio, in auto accident.

**DALE**—Kenneth Dale, 6, son of Christine and Carl Dale, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

**ECROYD**—Susan Ecroyd, 99, June 28, 1981, Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

**ESCOLME**—Ella Escolme (Mrs. Edward), 85, July 3, 1981, Damascus, Ohio.

**FORD**—Roy Ford, July 1, 1981, Collinsville, Oklahoma.

**GROB**—Ralph Grob, May 31, 1981, Hesper Friends, Eudora, Kansas.

**HOWARD**—Fred Howard, June 27, 1981, Hesper Friends, Eudora, Kansas.

**KINSEY**—William Kinsey, Sr., June 29, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

**LUCAS**—Arthur Lucas, 70, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

**NAYLOR**—Wayne Naylor, 67, May 11, 1981, Smithfield, Ohio.

**NOVINGER**—Goldie Novinger, May 29, 1981, Plains, Kansas.

**REED**—Metta Reed, 106, August 26, 1981, Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon.

**ROSS**—Eva Cleo (Mrs. Frank) Ross, 80, May 30, 1981, Haviland, Kansas.

**VOTAW**—Ralph Votaw, June 24, 1981, Hesper Friends, Eudora, Kansas.

**WAKEFIELD**—Esther Wakefield, July 22, 1981, Beaver-Shannon Friends, Beaver, Kansas.

**WATKINS**—Joseph Watkins, May 31, 1981, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**WILLIAMS**—Wade E. Williams, 90, September 15, 1981, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**WISE**—Weston Wise, 76, Belmont, Ohio.

# SUMMARY OF EFA YEARLY MEETINGS

## EVANGELICAL FRIENDS CHURCH— EASTERN REGION

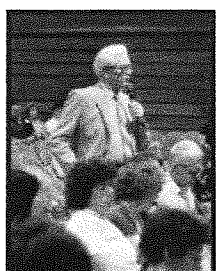
BY LUCY ANDERSON

**T**HE 169th Yearly Meeting sessions of EFC—Eastern Region were held on the campus of Malone College August 10-13 and were followed immediately by the General Conference of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

Attendance was good and a varied program included Ginger Ingram, talented puppeteer and ventriloquist, as children's worker; Eddie Cline, youth speaker who presented the theme of "Mission" to teenagers; and Tom Harrison, guest soloist and song leader. Speakers included Galen Weingart, Frank Carter, Charles DeVol, Dale Diggs, and Joe Roher.

Russell Myers, in his general superintendent's report, emphasized the importance of evangelism as the basic goal for every local church. The following pastors from three divisions were announced as the winners of the Silver Cup Award, recognizing their achievements this past year in the area of evangelism: Division I—Glenn Althouse, Marysville; Division II—Don Esch, Raisin Center; Division III—Wayne Ickes, East Richland.

The following were recorded as ministers: C. R. Creed, Duane Dickson, Mark Engel, Randall Heckert, Kenneth Nelson, David Smith, and David Tebbs. Credentials for Dale Dragomir were accepted by transfer from Indiana Yearly Meeting.



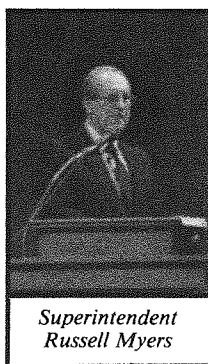
*Expressing concerns from the floor*

Charles Robinson, in his report of the Mission Board, pointed out that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Christian Hospital in Chhatarpur, India. The founding physi-

cian, Dr. Ruth Hull Bennett of Sandy Springs, Maryland, was present in the meeting and brought greetings.

One encouraging report by the Christian Education Board was the 2.15 percent increase this year in Sunday school attendance in Eastern Region Friends churches. Dorothy Barratt, EFA consultant, was present all week to encourage, promote, and challenge local leaders to work for improvement in Christian education programs.

Lois Ruff, president of the Women's Missionary Union, was smiling on Wednesday evening as she reported that the year's financial goal had been reached.



*Superintendent Russell Myers*

In the Least Coin Offering, the women raised \$5,227.41, and in the Sacrificial Offering they gave \$11,023.23.

Dan Frost, recording clerk, reports the following items of business were passed by the delegates:

— Beginning churches may have one delegate to Yearly Meeting and will be eligible for additional delegates when they become an extension church.

— The Finance and Stewardship Board recommended an apportionment budget of \$272,213, which places the per person amount at \$31.60 next year.

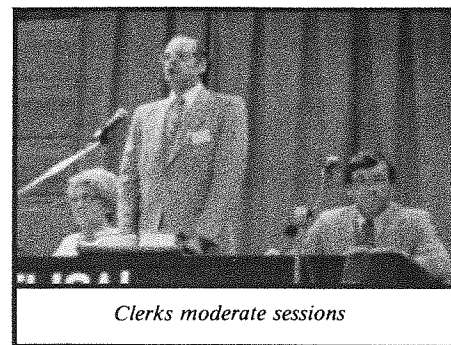
— The 1982 Missionary Outreach Budget was approved at \$767,071. This is an increase of 3.73 percent.

— Delegates approved the recommendation from the Executive Board that as an introduction to regional management, the general superintendent move to the Tidewater, Virginia, area for nine months to administer the Virginia and Piedmont districts and be closer to the Florida and Atlanta beginning churches.

— Regarding the possible building of a lodge at Camp Gideon and adding an accountant in the headquarters office, it was decided to hire a consultant to evaluate our situation and wait until next year to make a decision.

— Approval was given to the Pension Board recommendation: an increase in minimum pension payments for retired ministers, a higher life benefit on term life insurance, and improvements in medical insurance for pastors.

— Minimum pastoral salary (full time) is to be raised to \$262 per week. Travel allowance is to remain the same—\$145 per month.



*Clerks moderate sessions*

Memorials were read for Everett Cattell, George Primes, Jr., Susan Ecroyd, Rachel M. Chappell, Irene Spaulding, and Mary Knab.

Wilma Kirchgessner was recognized for 17 years of dedicated service to the Friends Book Store. Also, Harry Mosher was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service to the various boards of the Yearly Meeting.

The meeting closed Thursday noon, anticipating the special days of the EFA Conference and looking forward to a good year of challenge for Friends in Eastern Region.

## MID-AMERICA YEARLY MEETING

BY THELMA JAY

**M**ID-AMERICA Yearly Meeting held its annual sessions August 3-7, 1981, in Wichita, Kansas. "The Deeper Life" theme threaded through all the services, binding them together. "This is the best year yet," said Worth Nichols, director of the taping service, as we discussed the morning messages by Howard Macy.



*Prayer of dedication*

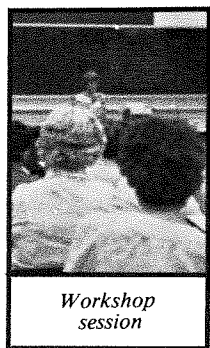




Board gathers for meeting

Robert Ely, chaplain of the Wichita Police Department, set the tone in his keynote banquet address: "We may have a difficult time describing the Holy Spirit, but He is always with us, helping us, guiding us, chiding us, acting as Mediator—cleansing and empowering us."

The major speaker for the evening sessions was John P. Williams, Jr., senior pastor of Canton (Ohio) Friends. He personalized the theme in practical terms by saying, "If we live our lives on feelings, we're in trouble."



Workshop session

"People are more important than possessions . . . things are to use and people are to love." "When Jesus taps us on the shoulder and says, 'This is something that must go,' some of us respond with unrighteous indignation, 'I want Your salvation, Lord, but don't touch this part of my life.'" "Even the sanctified life needs removal of those things that only the Master Surgeon can remove."

Outstanding music was provided by "Harvest" of Friends University, FBC Singers of Haviland Friends Bible College, the various MAYM Summer Ministries youth groups, and guest artists such as Henry Harvey, the session's song leader. "That's the kind of music to give angels goose bumps," quipped Clerk Maurice Roberts following one special presentation. The climax was the closing session concert presentation of *The Witness* by the Cornerstones, MAYM's senior youth group directed by Royce Frazier.

Nine workshops served to focus on the Yearly Meeting's varied ministries and the year's outstanding operations. "Family Life—A New MAYM Ministry" was expounded by Dr. Sheldon Louthan, director of Friends Center on Family Living at Friends University. Later the representatives acted to establish the Family Life Division of the Outreach Board, truly a pioneer action by any Friends yearly meeting.

"Youth Programs: What Do I Do with Them Now?" was led by Royce Frazier, superintendent of youth. In the workshop titled "A New Vision for Sunday School," EFA's Dorothy Barratt spoke to the urgency of revitalizing this arm of Christian education.

*Seven new churches in the eighties* is the goal of the Home Ministries Division. Division chairman Gary Wright, pastor at Haviland, moderated the workshop "Why, Where, How We Plant Churches." David Hickman, James Jenkins, and George Bigley shared from their experience and concern related to church planting in West Wichita, downtown Houston, and Kansas City, respectively.

John Rider, a professor of office management and secretarial skills, led the workshop "Hey! Could You Use a Church Secretary?" In "How Sheep Look at a Shepherd," the dynamics of pastor-church evaluation was presented by a panel moderated by the president of the Spiritual Life Board, Steve Harmon.

"Friends Missions Now" was led by James Morris, executive director of Evangelical Friends Mission. Burundi missionaries returning on furlough in time for MAYM sessions were the Willard Fergusons and the Alfred Millers. The Gary Youngs left for Africa soon after Yearly Meeting and Geraldine Custer had returned in June.

The workshop dealing with financial matters was "Is There Life after Budget?"



Informal fellowship

The Stewardship Board reported the best giving ever to the Unified Financial Program (UFP)—more than \$84,000 above last year's record giving (although still \$20,000 short of an extremely ambitious budget). New concepts of funding MAYM ministries were explored, with veteran missionary Paul Thornburg sharing new concepts. Paul has been released by Friendswood Meeting to superintend the Texas Area of MAYM and establish Kindling Ministries devoted to church planting in the "Son-belt."

Upon the recommendation of the Stewards Board, the Yearly Meeting approved changing the fiscal year to January 1. The pastoral year will remain the same.

*Protein, peace, and prison* were the catch words shared by Dorlan Bales, Galen Hinshaw, and Anna Warnken of the Social Action Division in the workshop "Friends in Action."

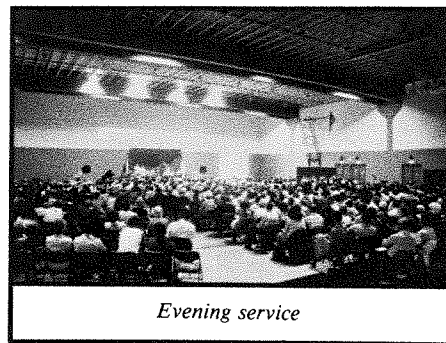
Rex Chambers of Lowell, Kansas, provided leadership in reviving the Men's Fellowship organization, which is now called "Nehemiah Men." Nehemiah Men will provide opportunity for meeting needs on all levels of the Yearly Meeting as well as inspiration and fellowship to the members.

## NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING

BY DAN MCCrackEN

COMING TOGETHER under the theme "There Is . . . a Great People to Be Gathered," Northwest Yearly Meeting held its annual sessions July 27-31 in Newberg at George Fox College. Referring to this George Fox quotation, Superintendent Jack L. Willcuts and featured speaker Richard Foster sounded the same chord as they indicated that a great people will not be gathered by programs, religious structures, or cultural trappings.

More than 950 attended the morning worship services at Newberg Friends Church on Sunday to hear Richard Foster, author of *Celebration of Discipline* and



Evening service

*Freedom of Simplicity*, who spoke also at the evening services of Yearly Meeting. The night before, at least 600 attended separate banquets for Friends Men and the Women's Missionary Union. Later in the week the women's organization was "deunionized" when the traditional name was changed to Friends Women's Missionary Fellowship.

A year of commemorating 50 years of missionary endeavor in Bolivia was completed Sunday afternoon at the Missionary Rally. At the same time that second and

third generation national believers and indigenous church leadership were being identified, second generation missionaries named Roberts and Chapman shared the platform with their missionary parents.



Speaker  
Richard Foster

In response to a request for \$11,500 needed for missionary travel in the coming year, over \$13,000 was received in cash and pledges.

The business sessions were keyed on Monday by Superintendent Jack L. Willcuts as he reviewed the state of the Yearly Meeting and echoed the theme of the week when noting the approaching 100th anniversary of the 1887 Richmond Conference with a plea for reconciliation and unity among Friends.

An inspirational hour at the beginning of each day was led by Charles (Buz) Bloodgood, pastor of Post Falls Friends, Idaho, and variety was interjected into a schedule of business sessions and board meetings with workshops held two afternoons.

One highlight of the sessions was the report that the Great Commission Budget had been fully met. The scant \$68 surplus was of little consequence as the Executive Council wrestled with a proposed budget for the current year that was not yet matched by church pledges.

New names to Yearly Meeting positions include Oscar Brown as financial secretary and Gayle Beebe as field secretary for Friends Youth. New statements for the *Constitution and Discipline* dealt with divorce, glossolalia, and changes in the Friends Queries.

Evidences of growth within the Yearly Meeting include reports of more than a dozen churches with multiple services; a new church established in Bend, Oregon; a congregation forming at East Boise, Idaho; a proposed new meeting in Rathdrum, Idaho; and a 9 percent overall growth in Sunday school attendance.

George Fox College President David LeShana noted that the college, with more Friends students than any other in the U.S., is beginning a new year "on a 90-year foun-

ation." Yearly Meeting attendees had opportunity to participate in ground-breaking ceremonies for the college's new chapel/auditorium, which will be the future meeting place for NWYM sessions.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

BY JUDY VANMETER

**G**OD BLESSED Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting with beautiful days and nights to gather together and care for the business of our churches.

Each morning was welcomed by a devotional time in the chapel of Quaker Ridge Camp with singing praises to our Lord and a message from His Word.

Special speaker for the June 9-14 sessions was T. Canby Jones, professor of Religion, Wilmington College, Wilmington, Indiana. He provided us with

an abundance of information on what being a Quaker was to men and women of our past and what being a Quaker can mean for us today. He also held several workshops during his time at Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting. One of them centered on recognizing the anger Christ displayed on several occasions. He challenged us to study the kind of anger Jesus had, with whom he was angry, and what it means to us personally. The need to research those passages with a real openness to what the Word has for us to learn was enlightening.

The business sessions went very smoothly with what seemed to be a complete oneness of spirit. Several ministers were recorded and a new monthly meeting was recognized.

A great deal of hard work went into running the Junior Yearly Meeting. Children learned about the mission fields that Friends are supporting, where they are lo-

cated, and what their cultural backgrounds are like. They came out of their sessions realizing the importance of the mission fields.

Some time for relaxing and fellowship during the afternoons and evenings was included in the schedule. It was a good feeling to be able to share our struggles and victories with one another. Also we were entertained and blessed by a puppet performance and skits given by AMOR, a group of dedicated young people from First Denver Friends Church. They presented several good messages for the children as well as the adults.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent Olen Ellis expressed the concern that "we must accomplish the goals that are set." This reflected a general concern among the Yearly Meeting that we need to get out there and do something. A "mountaintop experience" is worthless if we never get off the mountain. Some of the goals we want to accomplish are interchurch visitation and sup-



Children enjoy Junior Yearly Meeting activities



Superintendent  
Jack L. Willcuts

porting one another as a unit. Divided we are small, but together we can achieve great things for our Lord.

The central theme of the meeting seemed to be based on these words: "... seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." What a promise! If we are seeking God and His will, then He will help us get off the mountain and accomplish the goals we have set for our Yearly Meeting, our individual monthly meetings, and our personal ministries.



Clerk Jim Ellis  
(right) with T.  
Canby Jones



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