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**AND A WHILE
REST**

...AND A REST

BY LAUREN KING

ARE YOU working more and enjoying it less? Do you have more dishes, more letters, more papers, more accounts, more customers, more clients, more lectures, more sermons, more acres to plow, more, more, more than you can possibly get done? Plus prayer meeting, small group, Bible study, board and committee, plus And family, the kids, friends

And when you can find a second to think of it, do you have a sinking feeling inside and a lump of lead? Do you now and then have one of "Mr. Does' days" when no one dares come near? Do you belong to the Thank-God-It's Friday Club? Are all the days, the tasks, the doings, the people beginning to look the same, a sort of repulsive gray? Then maybe you are doing something wrong. Maybe something needs to be changed in your life-style.

When I was a junior in college I tried the busy, busy, busy style. I had an extra course, I attempted both Hebrew and Greek, I went out for debate, I had meetings to attend. Then in November my eyes rebelled, and any tiny cut became infected. The doctor insisted on nine hours of sleep each night until further orders.

"How am I going to manage that?"

"Drop some things you've been doing." I did, and found that assignments that used to take three hours could be better done in 90 minutes, thanks to the nine hours of sleep. Since then I have kept to a suitable amount of sleep, but have not entirely gotten free of pressing myself. The books I have piled up to read are a big pile, and I hate wasting time in doctors' offices: Think what I could accomplish in that lost time!

Once, though, I did do what I am about to recommend. One August I undertook to quarry stone for a house I intended to build—72 tons of it. The weather was typical—day after cloudless day with temperatures of 80-90

degrees. Every day I worked in full sunlight for eight or more hours. Surely an ideal setup for heat stroke. Yet I went on day after day without the slightest distress. Every hour on the hour I took 10 minutes of rest.

All of which is to lead up to a passage in Mark 6:30-32: "The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'" That sounds like a present-day office or hospital or counseling center or manse or even a home, doesn't it?

The apostles had just returned from their first preaching mission, and they were filled with success. They felt like going on forever; there was so much to do, and so much reward in doing it. They had not yet come to any weariness. But Jesus knew better; He knew how life flowed out of a person engaged in such a ministry. And so He said, "Come with me . . . to a quiet place [other translations speak of a lonely or desert place] and get some rest."

WHAT HE was telling them to do was "pace" themselves. This is an idea often met in athletics. If you watch a two-mile race you will notice that runners do not start nor run the race at the same intense pace as do runners in a 100-yard race. If they did run at that intense pace they would hardly last the first half-mile. In basketball or soccer games the coach takes players out of the game for rest. No player can play at the necessary pace for a whole game.

Experienced workers in heavy manual labor counsel newcomers on the job to "take it easy." The danger for the inexperienced athlete or worker is that his enthusiasm and often elation at success will spur him on to effort he cannot sustain. Or conversely, in a losing game or a "bad day" at work, desperation to retrieve some satisfying level of achievement will drive a person to foolish exertion.

Jesus paced himself. We have a considerable number of passages testifying to what must have been a regular

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practice (Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; 6:46; Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 9:28; 11:1). We might suppose that the Son of God would have the divine strength to go on without rest. Besides that, think of the sick and demon-possessed to be healed, the crowds to be addressed, the disciples and apostles to be taught—all these things to be done and only a few short years to do it all. How could He stop to rest, to slip away into mountain or desert to be alone and leave all those needy people without ministry? Yet this He did, regularly. His body had the limitations of humanity. And so do ours.

But, I can hear someone wondering, what about David Brainerd, the missionary to the New England Indians? He traveled and preached incessantly. Yes, and died young and left his Indians without his ministry. Or John Wesley, who began his days often with a sermon at 5:30 a.m. and preached three or more times a day? He didn't die young.

I think that for one thing we must remember a great difference between the situation of these eighteenth century men and ours. They lived in a comparatively slow-paced time (like a baseball game compared to basketball)—no telephones, no computers, no jet planes, not even daily mail delivery. They walked or traveled by horse, often through open countryside or forest alone or with a single companion. They had a pacing built into their lives. Jesus' situation, surrounded and pressed as He was by crowds, was more like ours, perhaps even worse. Consequently He paced himself.

All this is not to say that in emergencies we are not to work to exhaustion. Of course emergencies make their special demands—but briefly. They do not go for months or years. It is not possible to live a life-long emergency.

One response to hurry and pressure is to become a "workaholic." This is a newly coined word, which carries with it the unhappy connotations of its parent, "alcoholic." It implies an addiction, an enslavement, an uncontrollable and uncontrolled inability to let the stuff alone. It involves the inability or unwillingness to pace ourselves.

But presently there is not only the incessant driving activity; there is less and less satisfaction and more and more burden in it. The victim is doing more and enjoying it less. It is becoming "all the same old thing."

Especially is this likely in occupations that deal with people. We go into them with high hopes, we seem never tired, we labor diligently, then doggedly, then maybe desperately. But the people—well, they are strange: They

move slowly at best, and sometimes not at all. We find our results, therefore, disappointing. So we work harder, become workaholics. But still with disappointing results, and now frustration. Aren't we nearly killing ourselves for these people? What more can we do? Instead of helping victims we are becoming the victims. And now we are "burnt-out," or near it.

That term is a new word for an old ailment. Once it was "nervous breakdown." But we meet the word much more frequently nowadays. It can produce a wide array of symptoms. It is a state or disease of the spirit and can produce all the symptoms of any physical disease. It cripples in the occupation and can be the end of usefulness.

How do we get ourselves into this unhappy situation? One cause is our dedication to our work, our calling. We desire more than anything else to serve our Lord and our fellows—like those apostles. That service requires devotion, dedication: that is, effort, work. Moreover, the Scriptures call for diligence, for doing everything as unto God.

Further, we may be perfectionists: that is, every tiniest thing must be done just right, perfectly. Any failure of the least degree, whether by ourselves or others, puts twists in our nerves. We respond by moving faster and longer in this gnat cloud of details. Still further, we expect too much of people, especially of fellow Christians. We forget that human nature is notoriously cantankerous and unpredictable; it has baffled many a person. At best it may be mistaken, often deeply; at worst, terribly fallen.

Jesus knew what was in men (John 2:25), and was, for instance, grieved but never twisted into knots by the slowness of the apostles to grasp the truth of His mission on earth. Finally, we lack a sense of humor, that lubricant of many a sticky situation. We are so earnest, so devoted that we cannot put a bit of distance between ourselves and what we are doing and experiencing and laugh at ourselves and our situation. Or at least smile, ruefully.

BUT LIKELY the most deadly of the causes of our pressed and stressed life is our failure to heed Paul's instruction: "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment." (Romans 12:3) We forget that even we—yes, we—have limits of time, knowledge, ability, strength. We rush on into undertakings as if we thought ourselves infinite. Ah, but, don't we have the infinite power of God available? True, but even God cannot make 2 equal infinity, nor even 4. Jesus recognized that as man He had limits, and went aside to rest.

Moreover, I think we have in a corner of our minds the suspicion that no one else can do what we do quite as well as we. At least no one present and available. So we must struggle on, carrying the burden by ourselves. For if we put it down, it is doubtful (we fear) that the sun will rise tomorrow.

row, and the world go on safely. But one day we *won't* be here. And the world *will* go on, however badly. With all these causes we need nothing more to bring us to be workaholics or burnouts, except time.

How do we keep ourselves from traveling this road? I shall not propose a full answer but venture a suggestion or two. Obviously, avoiding the mistakes mentioned above will help. But basic to the solution and to life is the setting of priorities, basic to this particular problem, basic to a truly wise Christian life. We shall have to sit down with paper and pen and make a list of all the things to do and be in our lives.

Then we shall have, prayerfully, to number them in order of importance. What is absolutely first, outranking all else? What is next, and so on down the list. The result should be a list structured like a good news story—the basic essentials in the first, lead paragraph; then the rest of the details of the story in order of decreasing importance, down to the last bit. The editor can chop off the last, least bits if he is crowded for space. We shall have to chop off those last, least items of our life if we become crowded for time.

Second, high in that list we must put time away from the work—for family and for self alone. It won't matter much how we spend the time alone—gardening, woodworking, making music or listening, jogging, walking. Fishing with a bobber and worm has been recommended highly by many people, preferably (they say) in a pond with no fish in it. The essentials of this time are “come by yourselves” and “rest a while.” That is, get away from the work, the pressure, the problems, the people. And rest—get it all out of your mind for a while as you consider the structure of a trout lily, or a dandelion.

Finally, why do this? First, for simple effectiveness in your effort. This is a sheer pragmatic reason. Any non-Christian counselor will give you this reason, as will any coach. Second, for right stewardship of God's gifts of body and mind and abilities and opportunities and calling. If you are burnt out, how have you been a good steward? Third, from Jesus' example and instructions to the apostles. Can you think of a higher authority? Fourth, for the glory of God. He is not glorified by furious workaholics nor by useless “burn-outs.”



*Who satisfies you with good
as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed
like the eagle's.*

(Psalm 103:5 RSV)

EXHAUSTING OR RENEWING

BY SHELDON LOUTHAN

The promised benefits that precede verse 5 in this passage are forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, and mercy, which the psalmist says will renew our youth. One might well respond to this passage with questions. Where do we need these benefits more than in our families? And, when do we need them any more than during the summer days of gardening and other household chores or family vacation times?

Activities in some families lead to increased liking for one another and a deeper sense of belonging. In other families, doing things together produces conflict and strife. In fact, most families experience each of these outcomes at different times, and why this happens may seem puzzling.

Sheldon Louthan, director of the Friends Center on Family Living based on the campus of Friends University, where he is on the faculty, has prepared a series of meditations on the Christian family. These have been used with great appreciation across Mid-America Yearly Meeting, and permission has been given to use some of these in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND.

To understand this better it would be helpful to ask and answer another question: if one wanted to introduce conflict and strife into a family how could it be done? The following are “recommended” for such outcomes.

1. Parents plan activities around your own interests and impose them on your children.

2. Parents plan only those activities of interest to your children (and forego the summer activities you enjoy).

3. Ignore physical and mental stress limits of family members.

4. Parents—take advantage of “together times” to deliver lectures nobody will sit still for at any other time. (Using travel time in the car this way will produce large amounts of the above outcomes.)

5. Never try anything new. Or, its opposite, never repeat anything you've tried before.

6. Above all else, everyone should insist on their rights and all the privileges they can get.

Does it seem that instead of being renewed we are often exhausted from the battles

the above “principles,” and others not listed, have generated? If so, we need to practice instead the following:

1. Let everyone in the family share in the planning of family activities—Proverbs 24:3-6; 28:26.

2. Keep the pace and scope of activities appropriate to the level of development and depth of interest of family members—Ecclesiastes 3:1-9.

3. Undertake special projects of benefit to the whole family (redecorating the family room, gardening, building a new home, etc.)—Proverbs 31:10-31.

4. Utilize well the unique skills and qualities of every family member—Proverbs 27:17; 29:15.

5. Learn to give up your rights to God and let Him guide your family in all decisions, including those activities the whole group does together—Proverbs 16:3, 9; 19:21.

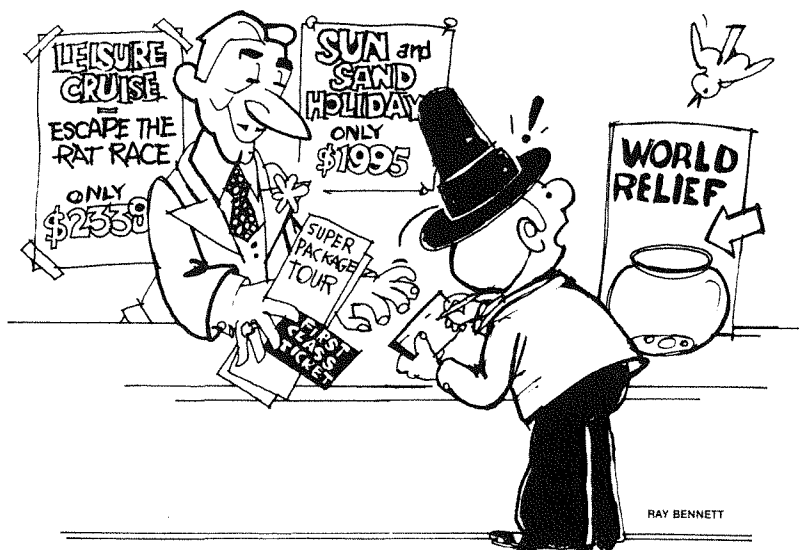
Family experiences, in God's plan, include the benefits mentioned in Psalm 103, but this requires of each family a seeking of and doing things in His way.



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"And he said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat." Mark 6:31 RSV (Photo by Shirley Putman)

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This is the season for boats and barbecues, frisbees and family reunions, parks and patios, swimming and sunning, tents and travel trailers, ice tea and ice cream (homemade).

Most vacation-time activities provide healthy diversity, but hardly qualify as rest. Rest and leisure are different from recreation. It may in fact be more difficult to "come away... and rest a while" in the summer. When the snow is on the ground or the rain is beating against the window, it is easier to take a pause from the clamor of activity.

In my childhood, summer was a time of cultivation, irrigation, and harvest. Rest was something one did at night between two sheets, not a daytime priority. And yet there certainly was a peace and an uncluttered mental wholeness walking down a ditch bank, shovel in hand, with no one within a quarter mile. It may be easier to achieve rest in that setting than in the beautiful, but crowded, state campgrounds.

No matter what the setting or season, rest is an ingredient in life that is necessary for physical, mental, social, and spiritual health.

I hope you will note that there are four pieces related to this month's theme on leisure. Two appear on the previous pages—the lead article by Lauren King and suggestions from Sheldon Louthan on how to make the family vacation exhausting or renewing. Jack Willcuts's editorial, "Is There a Christian Concept of Leisure?" appears on page 11. Then on the back cover, with an eye-catching title, Howard Macy helps us take a look at criteria for recreation.

Take a break and enjoy these and the other fine features in this issue. —D.L.M.

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A New 'Crop' of Missionary Kids

BY RETA STUART

IN THREE fairly recent issues of this magazine, we have been featuring MKs— their education as seen by three teachers of missionary children, their experiences as shared by three MKs themselves who grew up in Africa, Taiwan, and South America, and their family life as illustrated by a missionary parent of five MKs. We trust that these have given

greater understanding of some of the pressures, as well as pleasures, peculiar to the lives of MKs.

Now we'd like to present four new MKs, all born of Friends missionaries during 1981. In introducing these youngest Friends MKs, born in locations as widely scattered as Hong Kong, Mexico City, Santa Cruz in Bolivia, and Burundi in Central

Africa, we invite you to a greater ministry of intercession for them and for all Friends MKs everywhere— whether on the foreign field or at home.

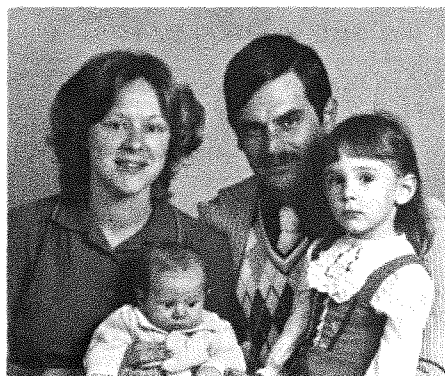
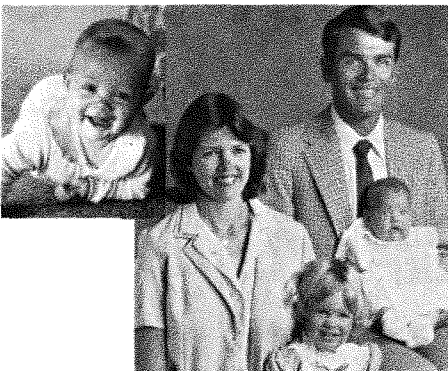
May the poem at the bottom of the page, written by an MK, Connie Befus of Miami, Florida, who has raised her own Missionary Kids, give you a new impetus to intercessory prayer on behalf of MKs and their families.



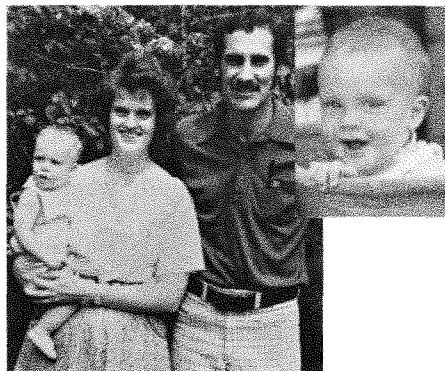
Dawn Deanna Routon, born on October 9, 1981, to Rodney and Barbara Routon, missionaries of Iowa Yearly Meeting, in Mexico City. Dawn with her parents and big brother, Kenny, age 6.



Amanda Joy Roberts, born April 1, 1981, to James and Gail Roberts, missionaries of Northwest Yearly Meeting in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Seen here with her parents and big sister, Heidi Alyssa, age 4½.



Joshua David Aufrance, born November 2, 1981, to David and Cindy Aufrance, Eastern Region missionaries in Hong Kong. Joshua, his parents, and big sister, Becky, age 5.



Robert Ryan Shaffer, born July 9, 1981, to Bob and Connie Shaffer, Mid-America Yearly Meeting missionaries in Burundi, Africa.

'To a Missionary Parent'

So send I—your child:
to never be at home, in any country
to speak the other language
better than you do;
and English often worse;
to be mocked out for his foreign family,
his parents' fumbling attempts
at adaptation,
his own uncertainty
about who he is;

to be regarded as an oddity
by the U.S. Sunday school
and asked if he "wants to be a
missionary, too?"
when he has no boxes
to put the concept in;
to always be from somewhere else
and not belong
and yet to understand both cultures
(or all three or four)

better than he understands himself.
So send I your child
to be the ultimate test
not of your efficiency
but of your reality
in My Sufficiency;
to be the wandering Salt,
while savoring cultures
on my tasteless Earth.
—Used by permission of the author

An Empty Lot and a Full Heart

BY RODNEY ROUTON

LOOK, THEY'RE clearing that empty trash-heaped lot on the corner. . . . If someone puts a church on that lot, we'll all go there as a family." This was the careless rejoinder of Caesar Lopez to yet another attempt by his wife to get him to attend church.

But he didn't expect for one minute that a church would actually be built on that corner lot. Instead, he was looking for just another business to be constructed on their busy avenue. So he watched workers clear away the debris, pour the concrete, and put up the building. "Then," he relates, "one day I just about walked into a tree when I saw the brightly lettered sign announcing the new Evangelical Friends Church! What more could I say to my wife and children?"

What more, indeed? His bluff had been called. So in October 1981, 36-year-old Caesar, with his wife, Leticia, and four children, Heidi, Yosani, Caesar, Jr., and Oscar, first began to attend the Elektra

to go to church and how one day he had nonchalantly promised to start going if a church was built on a nearby empty lot.

"Now," he added, "here we are, and the Lord has really touched us through your friendship. My wife is content, my children love the Sunday school, and my teenage daughter is crazy about the young Friends. Here where there was once an empty lot, there is now a fellowship of Friends. Where I once had an empty heart, there is now the Lord's fullness!"

After that, Caesar continued bringing his family to church. His life and testimony became filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. He wanted *everyone* to know that the Lord had changed his life. He witnessed in a loving way to his family and neighbors, and with enthusiasm he gave witness at his successful car-body business. In a short time, he became known by one and all for his radiant testimony and

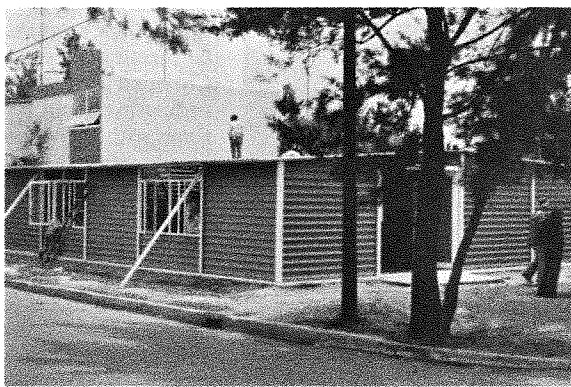
that Friends dedicated themselves to raising a church for Jesus Christ on an empty lot!"

On March 17, 1982, Caesar Lopez became critically ill. As he was entering the kitchen of their home, he was paralyzed and began to hemorrhage. He was taken immediately to an excellent hospital that specializes in neurology. Emergency surgery was performed, during which a large, advanced brain tumor was discovered. It was impossible to remove all of the tumor. Following this delicate surgery, Caesar teetered on the edge of a coma for days, while his family, friends, and missionaries Rodney and Barbara Routon waited close by for news.

Rod Routon sent an SOS to Friends across the U.S.A., calling them to special concentrated prayer on behalf of this Mexican brother in Christ, saying: "Whether the Lord raises Caesar up to health or whether He resurrects him up to heaven, there are difficult days ahead for his family



The empty lot on which the Elektra Friends Church was built in 1981



The Elektra Friends Church just after construction

Friends Church. They attended two or three times, being shy as new folks are.

Then one Sunday, to everyone's surprise, Caesar stood up in open worship, saying: "I thank the Lord for this church and for you brothers who have opened the door to our family." He went on to share how he had made excuses whenever his wife begged him

readiness to give it, stating often: "It's because Friends had a vision to put a church on a trashy, empty lot."

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Missionary Rod Routon, who wrote the letter from which this information is taken, affirmed: "We are all grateful for knowing Caesar, grateful for his fresh spirit which has brought a new wind of revival to Elektra Friends, grateful for his testimony with which he touched us one and all, grateful

and for all of us." As of April 25, Caesar had been moved to another hospital for radium treatment. There had been some improvement in his condition in that he had some body movement where he was paralyzed before, but still was unable to speak and to write. However he seemed to be able to understand what people said to him. At this stage it is too early to anticipate whether or not he is apt to recover. May we continue to uphold this family in special prayer!

— Reta Stuart

Rod and Barbara Routon are missionaries from Iowa Yearly Meeting serving the Evangelical Friends Mission in Mexico.

WHAT DOROTHY DOES

By BETTY M. HOCKETT

By phone and travel, EFA Christian Education Consultant Dorothy Barratt keeps in touch with the Christian education needs of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.



Betty Hockett is highly qualified to write the above article both as a writer and from eight years of working with Dorothy Barratt as administrative secretary for George Fox Press. Betty is a free-lance writer, serves as evangelical Friends' preschool curriculum specialist with the Aldersgate Graded Curriculum, and has written and produced videotapes dealing with Christian education and most recently a public service announcement for the Evangelical Friends Alliance Evangelism Commission.

GUESS WHO likes birds, the beach, England, and hot fudge sundaes . . . and who was the first full-time employee of the Evangelical Friends Alliance?

Did you guess Dorothy Barratt? If so, you are correct.

Dorothy E. Barratt, Christian education consultant for the Evangelical Friends Alliance for nearly 14 years, has flown more miles, slept in more strange beds, attended more meetings, lifted more heavy luggage, and experienced more interesting introductions than most people do in twice that time. All of that—and much more—is incorporated in her commitment to helping Christian education maintain a high standard of excellence, especially in our four yearly meetings.

Dorothy says she grew up loving meetings and theology. That fondness provides a good framework for her duties, which involve a lot of meetings and quite a bit of theology. The meetings are at local churches, where she is often invited to hold evening or weekend seminars for Christian education workers. They are also at area gatherings, yearly meeting sessions, interdenominational and curriculum conferences.

During these 14 years she has attended most of the annual sessions of all four yearly meetings, been present for all of the Christian Education Commission and Coordinating Council meetings, and met many times with individual yearly meeting boards of education. How many actual hours of sitting in meetings does that add up to? More than this writer could imagine! (And that doesn't even count the dozens of other meetings she's been part of each year.)

Her theological interest and education is put to good use as general editor of our Friends Christian education curriculum materials. She makes certain, from planning to printing, that Friends beliefs are upheld and properly imparted.

Though her job often takes her to faraway places around the country, much of the work is done from her home or the Christian Education Commission office, both located in Newberg, Oregon. It is there that she keeps in phone contact with many of the EFA pastors, Christian education chairmen, elders, and Sunday school superintendents, as well as tending to the many writing and editorial duties that are included in her regular schedule.

Reading curriculum manuscripts on their way to becoming printed materials our

churches will use and preparing numerous resource items that offer ideas and guidelines for Christian education workers are predictable tasks each year. So is the supervision of mailing these helpful resources to the pastor, education chairman, and Sunday school superintendent of each local EFA church.

Let's Be Friends, a Friends history and doctrine study course has been developed through the leadership of Dorothy Barratt. Though designed primarily for youth, it is appropriate also for adult study. Friends history and missions for the younger set are featured in several units of *Children's Lessons and Activities*, which continue to be written and edited under her guidance. All of these printed materials are approved and sponsored by the Christian Education Commission.

During the years of Dorothy's tenure, the revisions in the *Adult Friend* and *Teacher's Friend* have helped them continue to be a worthwhile option for adult Sunday school classes. She regularly meets with the editor to plan for coming editions.

Countless hours of personal study and preparation precede every workshop presentation Dorothy is involved in. Besides the reading, notemaking, and general gathering together of materials, there's a lot of "cutting and pasting" that goes on whenever she is constructing the visuals that help make her seminars so interesting and valuable. Behind all of this is the time she spends each year keeping up with current trends and advances in Christian education.

The consultant's line of duty falls beyond our own denomination. Dorothy is a respected member of the executive committee that is a guiding force to the denominations cooperating in the publication of Aldersgate Graded Curriculum. She is also a part of the curriculum planning committees that meet at least annually, some more often. Through the years Dorothy has been chairman of both the junior and primary subcommittees. She oversees the work of the other three age-level specialists who also represent Evangelical Friends on the planning committees and in leadership education seminars.

It is the cooperative efforts of the four yearly meetings that make it possible for the Christian Education Commission to have a full-time consultant to give the leadership necessary for a program of this scope. The combined efforts of Evangelical Friends and other denominations have provided a way for us to have Aldersgate Graded Cur-

Dorothy Barratt equips Sunday school teachers and Christian education leaders in seminars.

riculum Sunday school and vacation Bible school materials that are consistent with our church doctrines.

Along with the finances that come from the yearly meetings, the sale of Aldersgate curriculum materials provides a large share of the income needed to subsidize the services and printed items that have come to be appreciated by so many local teachers, pastors, and other workers. This same type of cooperation has continued in the recent development of videotapes for use in training local Christian education workers.

Dorothy has been instrumental in the production and use of the tapes.

Dorothy came to this position well prepared through academic education at George Fox College and Western Evangelical Seminary, and after practical experience as pastor, public school teacher, and minister of Christian education. Her interest in and knowledge of Christian education is highly regarded by those who work with her.

So, when you see Dorothy Barratt and her well-known, heavy silver suitcase com-

ing to your church or area, be sure to stay for the meeting. For out of that silver case will come an excellently prepared seminar, complete with an appropriate assortment of handouts, visuals, resources, videotapes, and answers to most of the questions you and other Christian educators have. Maybe even some answers to questions you haven't thought of yet!

In the meantime, though, if you do have questions, call her up or write her a letter. Our Christian education consultant is ready and willing to help you.

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MINISTERING TOGETHER... FOR 25 YEARS

BY PATRICIA EDWARDS DELANCEY

JUNE 16-20 Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting is celebrating the culmination of 25 years of ministry to the region. "Friends Ministering Together" is the theme of the 1982 Yearly Meeting sessions, and all living former superintendents are scheduled as speakers. They include Walter P. Lee, superintendent from 1960 to 1966; Merle A. Roe, superintendent from 1966 to 1972; Olen R. Ellis, superintendent from 1974 to 1981; and the present superintendent, Jack C. Rea, who began providing leadership for the Yearly Meeting in January of this year. Other

Trish DeLancey is a lay minister at First Denver Friends and is to be recorded at the Yearly Meeting sessions this month. She is a Ph.D. candidate at the Iliff School of Theology in American Religion and Culture. Trish and her husband, Curt, have two natural children and one Vietnamese teenage boy.

featured speakers are James Morris, Evangelical Friends Mission director, and Reta Stuart, Evangelical Friends Mission administrative assistant. Workshops are available on topics such as missions, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting History, Friends Disaster Service, Christian education, and "The Holy Experiment—1982 Style."

To commemorate the 25th Anniversary Celebration, the first history of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, entitled *Friends Ministering Together* (\$5.95), has been written. It contains the genealogical history of RMYM, complete information on the setting up of an independent yearly meeting, activities of RMYM, the Rough Rock Navajo Mission, individual monthly meeting histories, plus much more. The book is available from the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Office.

The history of Friends in this region is relatively recent. The oldest Monthly Meeting, at 101 years, is Springbank, in

Allen, Nebraska. The youngest, at one year, is Peace, in Brighton, Colorado. Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's parent body, Nebraska Yearly Meeting, was set off in 1908; they will be celebrating their 75th anniversary this year.

Prior to the setting off of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting as an independent

yearly meeting, Oregon and Kansas had already taken the necessary steps to become independent of the Five Years Meeting. Some of the same issues were raised by many of the members of Nebraska Yearly Meeting during the 1950s. The continuing liberalism in both the World and National Councils of Churches did not correspond with the evangelical position. The Five Years Meeting belonged to both bodies, and therefore the affiliation existed for all yearly meetings within the Five Years Meeting.

In 1953 Nebraska Yearly Meeting sent its first recommendation to the Five Years Meeting to withdraw from both Council bodies. The recommendation was rewritten in 1955 and again sent to the Five Years Meeting. Because the Council membership was in the name of the Five Years Meeting, not by individual yearly meeting, an individual yearly meeting was not free to disassociate with the councils and still retain affiliation with the Five Years Meeting. Some of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting members also expressed concern for the liberalization of the Christian doctrine by the Five Years Meeting and the Friends World Committee on Consultation.

The 1956 Nebraska Yearly Meeting sessions recommended the setting off of a new independent yearly meeting "to be known as Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting . . . composed of those monthly meetings electing to affiliate" with it. (*Nebraska Yearly Meeting Minutes, 1956*, pages 36-37) An Organization Committee was appointed to study the legal aspects and involvements. During the year, each monthly meeting was



Navajos at Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's mission at Rough Rock, Arizona.

to decide with which yearly meeting to affiliate.

The Organization Committee reported at the 1957 sessions. Of the 27 monthly meetings, 21 requested affiliation with Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, and six chose to remain with Nebraska Yearly Meeting. Nebraska Central College was to remain with NYM; the properties at the Navajo Mission at Rough Rock were to be transferred to RMYM.

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's first epistle summarized the feelings and direction of the new Yearly Meeting. It stated:

"As the first sessions of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of Friends convened . . . the Spirit of the Lord was with us in power and humility. Truly the Lord was with us as we were set up as a new independent yearly meeting. We have deeply felt the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

"As the new organization came into being we have felt the Lord's direction in every phase of our business and work

"It is our earnest prayer that the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting may go forward as one body working in Christ's Kingdom." (RMYM Minutes, 1957, pages 37-38)

The previous Nebraska Yearly Meeting Superintendent, T. Clio Brown, served as Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Superintendent until 1960. New quarterly meetings were set up and old ones revised. The Yearly Meeting decided to affiliate with the National Association of Evangelicals rather than the World and National Councils of Churches. A Yearly Meeting publication, *The Rocky Mountain Friend*, was distributed to members. And representatives were sent to the national Evangelical Friends Conference held in Newberg, Oregon, in 1959.

As the Yearly Meeting entered the 1960s, a new superintendent, Walter P. Lee, was

called. Growth was noted as plans were made to purchase a yearly meeting parsonage; land was purchased in a Denver suburban area for the beginning of a new work. A long-range planning committee was appointed. The Rough Rock Navajo Mission was operating a school for Navajo children, plus fulfilling numerous missionary tasks. But what permeated throughout all of the outward manifestations of works was the spirit of revival. The 1962 epistle stated, "Throughout the Yearly Meeting a spiritual growth and revival of the Holy Spirit in our midst has been evidenced this year We pray that Friends throughout the world can regain our early heritage of true Quakerism, through the dynamic workings of the Holy Spirit." (RMYM Minutes, 1962, page 48)

A CONCERN for the unification of the four independent yearly meetings, Ohio, Oregon, Kansas, and Rocky Mountain, was expressed during the 1962 sessions. A committee was appointed to work with the other yearly meetings "to ascertain the common ground upon which we can work unitedly." (RMYM Minutes, 1962, page 29) The result of these meetings was the formation of the Evangelical Friends Alliance in 1965.

As the United States moved toward more involvement in Vietnam, the peace testimony became increasingly important. Advice was given to young men faced with the draft concerning the conscientious objector status, and resources stating the biblical basis for peace were used. After the formation of the Evangelical Friends Alliance in 1965, resources were collected that provided assistance to those young men struggling with the direction they should seek in the Vietnam military involvement. Several Friends men did not file for conscientious objector status and were

killed in the war. Others served in a voluntary service capacity.

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting membership peaked in 1968 at 1,646 members, and began falling throughout the 1970s. Merle A. Roe resigned his position as superintendent in 1972. An Interim Leadership Committee was appointed to

search for a new superintendent and to conduct the affairs of the Yearly Meeting. It functioned until July 1974, when Olen Ellis accepted the position of superintendent.

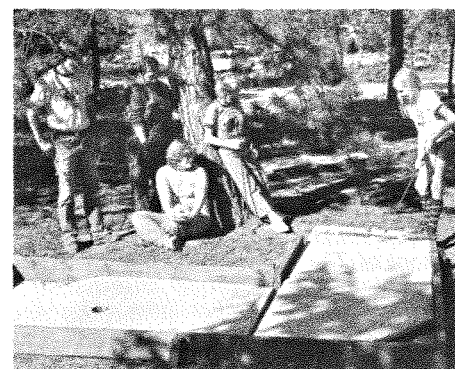
During the 1977 sessions, the first Navajo Friends pastor was recorded, Amos Redhair. The Rough Rock Mission work continued to grow, and Amos was able to effectively minister to the Navajos in their native language.

Several new monthly meetings were begun in the 1970s. They are now providing new forms of outreach into areas that before were not effectively reached.

With the beginning of the new decade in 1980, membership is again increasing. There are presently 26 monthly meetings and possibilities for several more to be planted in the next few years. The future rests in our effectiveness to reach out to our communities with Christ's message of hope, love, and service.

The 1981 Yearly Meeting sessions brought a sense of cohesion and unity to the scattered monthly meetings. The speaker, T. Canby Jones, called us to discipleship and to recognize our call to be prophets. To

Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, Colorado, provides recreational, social, and spiritual ministry for youth and adults.

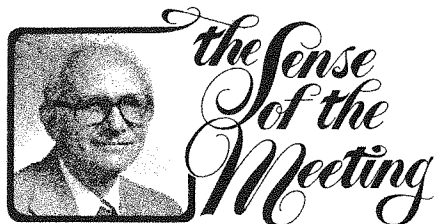


minister effectively, we must be the conscience of our communities, and we must take the message of hope and love to all we encounter.

With the emphasis on obedience to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, unity is beginning to be felt among all of the monthly meetings. The membership is climbing again and is only approximately 50 members short of reaching the peak figure of 1968. God has given Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting the vision of a Great People to be gathered; may we be obedient to the vision of a new Holy Experiment—1980s style!



Friends at Benkelman, Nebraska, prepare to enter their new church addition for the first time.



BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

Is There a Christian Concept of Leisure?

Did Jesus take time off? The question sounds irreverent. Yet He was "in all points tempted as we, but without sin." Or stress? Did the disciples have a better view of the use of leisure after Pentecost? Work, yes, but discerning, disciplined, scheduled "R. & R.?"

The subject of leisure hasn't been high in my generation of Quaker priorities. Few sermons or teaching on a "leisure ethic" come out of the thirties or "Great Depression." Now with so many apparently running out of spiritual spare parts (burned-out), pastors and others frantically frazzled, perhaps it is well to catch our breath and take a second look at the pros and cons of time off.

The topic is not as relevant, perhaps, as it was months ago when it was decided to use it in the June EVANGELICAL FRIEND. With one's job going or gone, business or farming operation precarious, work, not leisure, seems more important. Yet, involuntary leisure, as well as retirement, bring a new perspective to a Christian view of the use of it. Samuel Johnson's "knowing one may be hanged in the morning clears the mind wonderfully," or "Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future" (Niels Bohr), fits the leisure scene now.

Lots of Scripture comes to mind on work, serving, sacrifice. "... the night cometh," "whitened harvests . . ." (everyone knows harvest time and vacations conflict). Nevertheless, overwork, stress, unwise use of time, energy, and opportunity, work for work's sake, and bad living habits are neither glorifying God nor building the Kingdom.

We always need more insight on how things are with us. Spiritual growth comes at the moments when we see our life situation can be different. Transformation, renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2) requires a look at our real values, including time, energy, health, and other resources.

Did Jesus take time off. Not really, I think. His early rising to pray, his times "apart," his sleeping in a boat in a storm—were signs of his utterly balanced life. They are signals to us on how to handle life's demands, the multitudes, the press of responsibilities, family, job—stresses. Poise comes from within, peace and holiness are from the Holy Spirit. So, the planning and pursuit of leisure becomes an exercise and journey, with the starting point in one's own soul until the life and spirit are united with the life and Spirit of God. That is rest and renewal.

Leisure use is an art. Those of us who are not artists, without many hobbies, travel opportunities, who find fishing futile, need to look seriously at leisure too. It is the balance, not the act of

"leisuring," conscience-free self-acceptance, a right relationship with God (a synonym for righteousness)—these make us free, poised, ready to rest or serve rather than an attempted escape from weary restlessness. "I'm afraid of committing myself to anything," someone was saying to a small group. "Because I'm afraid somewhere along the way everyone will fall out, and I'll be left holding the bag." (Quoted by Elizabeth O'Conner, in *A Search for Silence*) Fear, then, uncertainty, inner turmoil of mind and soul are the stealers of health, spiritual and physical. Jesus was weary, rested regularly, worked hard—but His strength and example show leisure use in a right perspective.

Practically, our denomination is filling up with older people, many with adequate health, great experience, know-how, and time to use leisure productively for the Lord. Several are doing all sorts of happy things using their skills with this less strenuous schedule. Like teaching Bible classes, building cabinets in Sunday school class rooms, visiting the aged, in church visitation, prayer. We have a dream of one day spending summers, maybe other months, in churches allowing the pastor and family to "get away" on a brief sabbatical, visit a mission field, or perhaps just help out in that church for awhile under the pastor's guidance. This would be leisure with a purpose and quite attractive. Why not retire from whatever one's vocation into a community where a church needs part-time help? Five years, 10, or 25 might be the happiest years of life and the most useful, plus making leisure a friend, not an excuse.

But the best uses of leisure may not be the big trips, or expensive outings, or costly play equipment and tools, but simply learning to live in a spiritually "laid-back" attitude of optimism and service. ☐

Partner Churches

The question sometimes comes, "How long should missionaries be sent to a field where a church is established?" The implication is that a missionary (perhaps borrowing Paul's pattern) should evangelize a people and move on; "a missionary is to make himself unnecessary." But a new concept of cooperation between the home church and overseas church is emerging in the newly coined expression "partner churches."

"The Church here at home has been led to believe that with the growth of our partner churches abroad, the urgency of the missionary enterprise had abated. But the reverse is true," writes G. Thompson Brown, staff director, Division of International Mission, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., in the *Church Growth Bulletin of Overseas Crusades, Inc.*

This is important to EFA Quakers. Our mission churches in Burundi, Taiwan, Bolivia, Rough Rock, and Mexico City are partners now. By certain concentrated efforts of using existing resources of churches both there and at home, the effectiveness of each is increased enormously. It may be more healthy for a church to have "multilateral" working agreements with many partners than to have just one partner in a given land. Enlarged dimensions of Christian penetration and influence can result in this type of cross-cultural cooperation in evangelism and Christian social action. An enlarged base means an enlarged mission. The enlarged "base" means more opportunities for advance and a new challenge to the worldwide Christian community. ☐



BURDEN BEARING

BY NANCY THOMAS

In a climactic scene from J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*, Frodo and Sam creep up Mount Doom, nearing the end of their journey. Sam watches with growing pity and concern as Frodo, the Ring bearer, stumbles and weakens under his burden. It seems impossible that they'll reach the top. Suddenly Sam realizes the only way he can help Frodo.

"Come, Mr. Frodo!" he cried. "I can't carry it for you but I can carry you and it as well. So up you get! Come on, Mr. Frodo dear! Sam will give you a ride. Just tell him where to go, and he'll go."

As Frodo clung upon his back, arms loosely about his neck, legs clasped firmly under his arms, Sam staggered to his feet; and then to his amazement he felt the burden light. He had feared that he would have barely strength to lift his master alone, and beyond that he had expected to share in the dreadful dragging weight of the accursed Ring. But it was not so . . . Sam lifted Frodo with no more difficulty than if he were carrying a hobbit-child pig-a-back in some romp on the lawns or hayfields of the Shire. He took a deep breath and started off. (*The Return of the King*, Book IV, Chapter 3)

Paul commands us to "bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfil the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

What does it mean to "bear one another's burden?" Is it sympathy? Prayer? Concern?

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Or does it also mean to literally pick up someone else's burden, like a package, and carry it in his place?

My first intimation of this more literal meaning came through reading Charles Williams's novel *Descent into Hell*. In this story an actual exchange of burdens occurs. The heroine, Pauline, finally lets someone else help her by carrying her fear. The burden bearer finds, like Sam, that the transferred burden is lighter for him. Through the burden-bearing process, the fear eventually disappears. Williams calls this process "substituted love."

Concurrent with the reading of this book, I was participating in a small accountability group. Weekly we met to support one another in prayer. One evening John admitted his feeling of distance from God. For months he had not experienced God's presence. A sense of alienation was growing, and there seemed little he could do about it. I felt an inner tug and decided to risk an experiment. I explained to the group Williams's concept of "substituted love," acknowledged my inexperience, and expressed my willingness to try.

I asked John if he would hand over to me his remoteness from God and let me carry it for a week. Any time he felt alienation or distance, he was to reject it (or at least not worry about it), saying, "This doesn't belong to me. I gave it to Nancy." I asked God to make the transaction real, to let me carry John's burden in his stead. I was willing to experience anything.

Actually, the burden was light. I thought of John all week. I pictured us hiking. I had a backpack on, but John was unencumbered. I saw him in my mind, climbing higher and higher, backdropped against the mountain sky, free from all load, delighting in the presence of the Creator. I continually offered up the burden I was carrying to the Lord. And He took it. In reality John was freed. And it was a joyful experience for me.

Since that time I've borne other burdens and given my "packages" to other people. Two years ago while on furlough from the mission field, I taught part time in a Christian school. It had been about 10 years since I had been in a U.S. classroom, and my skills were a bit rusty. In addition there were discipline problems in one class. Feelings of inadequacy and fear assailed me.

This assignment began to dominate all my thoughts, and I faced each day with dread. Many friends prayed for me, but nothing seemed to help. One day Mary called up and said, "Nancy, I believe God

wants me to carry the burden of your feelings about this class. Will you give it to me?" I agreed, and we made the transaction. Throughout the week I reminded myself that Mary was carrying the fear and inadequacy. The Lord delivered me quickly. I enjoyed the rest of the teaching year.

I've found that there are two types of burden bearing. One I'll call "transacted burdens." This is what I've been describing. One person asks permission to "bear another's burden." Permission is given, and the troubled person actually hands over the burden as her part of the agreement or transaction. The burden bearer must have received this assignment from the Lord and be willing to actually experience the pain, fear, or whatever he is to bear, although in most cases he doesn't feel them intensely.

The other type I'll call "secret burdens." Sometimes the Lord asks us to bear someone's burden without that other person being aware of it. No transaction (or "handing over of the burden") occurs, and the other person may never find out. Rees Howells (*The Intercessor* by Norman Grubb) and Agnes Sanford (*The Lost Shepherd* and other books) teach of this type of burden bearing. It requires more than sympathy and occasional prayers, and it involves obeying the Lord in whatever He requires, including intense prayer until the burden is lifted.

Some of my first thoughts on reading about these types of burden bearing were: "Isn't this going too far? Shouldn't we take all our problems directly to the Lord? After all, didn't He bear all our burdens on the cross? Isn't He the burden bearer?"

Yes, of course. Jesus, Lamb of God, is the burden bearer. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burdens." (Psalm 68:19) But Jesus himself tells us to "take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me . . . For My yoke is easy, and My load is light." (Matthew 11:29-30) Paul tells us that we are to share in Christ's sufferings. Bearing one another's burdens is surely part of what this means.

God could instantly take all our problems and sorrows and, presto snap! make them disappear. And sometimes He does this. We call it a miracle. But apparently He desires us to be part of the solution for one another. He's working into His Body an interdependence and humility, a mutual caring and sharing that is no less healing and no less miraculous.

And as we carry one another's loads, what can we do with them but offer them to

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

RODNEY and BARBARA ROUTON, missionaries of Evangelical Friends Mission in Mexico, are in the States for the summer doing deputation. The majority of their time will be spent in Iowa Yearly Meeting, but a couple of weeks will be spent in the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

DAVID C. LE SHANA, president of George Fox College for the past 13 years, has resigned to accept the presidency of Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington. Le Shana went to Newberg, Oregon, in 1967, serving as vice-president/acting president during his first year and as executive vice-president his second year before becoming the college's ninth president. The Board of Trustees has appointed the college's dean, William Green, to serve as administrator-in-charge, and a search committee has been named to seek Le Shana's replacement.

GORDON R. WERKEMA was installed as Malone College's ninth president at investiture ceremonies May 7 in Canton, Ohio. Guest speaker Richard Foster from Friends University, Wichita, spoke from the theme, "In Quietness and Confidence Shall Be Your Strength."

NORVAL HADLEY, former superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, will serve as moderator at the New Call to Peacemaking conference in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, June 17-20. JACK L. WILLCUTS will lead an early morning worship time each day.

D. ELTON TRUEBLOOD will be in London in June on the three hundredth anniversary of the departure of his ancestors, John and Agnes Trueblood, for the Carolina coast. "Both John and Agnes were young Friends," states Trueblood in the English journal, The Friend, "he coming from Lincolnshire and she from Ulverston, where she was a neighbor of George Fox, especially during the period when Fox was recuperating at Swarthmore Hall from 1675 to 1677."

CYRIL CARR, assistant professor of Bible and Religion, George Fox College, died May 24 at age 32. His sudden passing leaves a void on campus, where he was highly respected and loved. Roscoe and Tina Knight, parents of his wife, have temporarily returned from the mission field in Peru to be with Beverly and her daughter Brook.

FRIENDS FOCUS

CAMPER EXCHANGE

Quaker Men International is sponsoring for the first time a camper exchange program during the summer of 1982. The program calls for four Young Friends from each of seven participating yearly meetings to attend summer camp at another designated yearly meeting camp. The purpose of the exchange program is to provide opportunity for the sharing of ideas and camp experiences and to promote a breadth of Christian fellowship among Quaker youth.

Quaker Men International will underwrite costs to all camps. Yearly meeting Quaker Men groups are being encouraged to underwrite or defray other costs for the exchange.

FRIENDS YOUTH DO SINGING TELEGRAMS

The senior youth at First Friends, Alliance, Ohio, made 32 "Singing Telegram" calls on Mother's Day, bringing in \$32 for summer ministries and camp.

THREE GENERATIONS DOING SHORT-TERM SERVICE

While former Northwest Yearly Meeting missionaries Gene and Betty Comfort are doing short-term service in Bolivia this summer, their son Ken and Betty's father, Oscar Brown, will be in neighboring Peru also doing short-term service for Northwest Yearly Meeting. Grandfather and grandson will be working together on the renovation of a recently acquired mission residence. Also doing volunteer service for the mission will be Cecil Binford from Greenleaf, Idaho.

VIDEO TAPES OF KENYA GATHERING PLANNED

Friends World Committee on Consultation will be gathering Friends from around the globe at Kaimosi, Kenya, this summer: International Conference on Friends International Witness, August 9-13; FWCC Triennial Conference, August 16-19. Audio-visual records of the gathering will be produced in September and be available soon after for follow-up study. The August meetings in Kenya will include worship sessions, group discussions and plenary addresses. One plenary session will be a varied media presentation, including a tape-slide show of Friends witness, past and present, and Yearly Meeting and Quaker agencies have been asked to provide photos or slides for inclusion in the program.

'EMMA MALONE' SPEAKS DURING FOUNDERS' WEEK

"God never permitted me to have an intimate friend because he wanted me to be a friend to all," Emma Malone told an audience of some 300 ladies at the college that bears her name. Of course, since she died in 1924, Emma Malone's words were spoken and her life story told in a new one-woman program given by Tanya Griffith, a Canton minister's wife and professional dramatic performer. The program, sponsored by the Malone College Women's Advisory Council, was part of Founders' Week, celebrating the college's 90th year of operation and 25th year in Canton.

In describing the school that she and her husband, Walter, founded, she said the key to the school's curriculum was learning "not about the Bible but from the Bible. It's not enough just to know it. You should not give people bread if it has not been baked in the oven of your own experience."

--Canton Repository

SLOGANS REFLECT WORLD CONCERN

"Euroshima" (Hiroshima in Europe) is often used to express Europeans' fear. In Japan, activists recommend, "catch Hollanditis," as the 400,000 protestors in Amsterdam did. An upbeat slogan seen in Cambridge, Massachusetts, says, "U.S. Arms Are for Hugging."

--F.W.C.C.

FRIENDS ORGANIZE VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Quaker Volunteer Witness is a program developed under the auspices of Friends United Meeting headquartered in Richmond, Indiana. Its first volunteer unit will begin June 15 in Wilmington, Ohio. Wilmington, Campus, and Chester monthly meetings have organized this first Quaker Volunteer Witness Unit. Volunteers will be serving in the following areas: (1) Working with the elderly. This will take place both in the retirement center and in private homes. (2) Working with the developmentally disabled through the county agency. (3) Volunteers will help to develop an advocacy program that seeks to prevent youth from ending up in the juvenile court system. (4) Volunteers are needed to work with a hospice program being developed. (5) Volunteers are needed to work with preschoolers in a nursery school that Wilmington Meeting sponsors. (6) Participate in the life of the three supporting monthly meetings.

Interest in this volunteer project or requests for information about other volunteer units can be addressed to Quaker Volunteer Witness, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374; 317/962-7573.

FBC DEAN RETURNS TO CLASSROOM

Dr. Fred Johnson will be returning to the Friends Bible College classroom as a full-time professor this fall. For the past seven years he has served as academic dean. Dr. Johnson anticipates more time for pursuing his scholarly interests, including the construction and validation of a Bible Knowledge Test for Bible college students and a textbook on pastoral counseling.

ADOPT A ROOM

Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio, is advertising among its members for a new adoption program: "Wanted, persons interested in taking a needy room, planter, or hall under their arm to give it the loving care it needs to help give it a new spring look. It will be considered your room for you to keep an eye on to see that it stays that way." Westgate should have a well-cared-for facility if every room gets a new guardian.

FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP OF HEALING

"Christian Faith and Healing" will be the topic of the seventh annual conference of Friends Fellowship of Healing, November 5-7. T. Canby Jones will give the keynote address, "Historical and Biblical Perspectives on Spiritual and Physical Healing." The gathering will be held at Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana.

DAYS OF BARN RAISING NOT PAST

Salem, Ohio, Friends reports that area Friends and representatives from Friends Disaster Service will be helping Mennonite and other volunteers finish a new dairy barn to replace one lost in a fire some weeks ago.

ORIGINS: A CREATIONIST VIEW

A 20-minute color film has been produced by the George Fox College Television Center for The Creation Concern. The film presents origins from a creationist perspective and is designed especially for the public school classroom.

MINISTRIES AND NEEDS BEING COORDINATED

A new ministry called "Caring" has been launched at Granada Heights Friends, La Mirada, California. Along with a letter from the pastor, Verl Lindley, two cards were sent to each member. One card was a Ministry Card on which persons listed ways in which they were willing to care for other members of the Granada Heights family. The second was a Need Card and the vehicle by which persons could make their needs known. The Servants Fellowship Committee is matching needs with ministries so that more needs in the congregation can be met.

--Quaker Life

'WHOSE BUDGET?'

A new audio-visual resource for peace education presents the growing imbalance in federal spending on domestic programs and the military build-up. "Whose Budget Is It Anyway?" is a 20-minute slide program with cassette tape. Further information is available from 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

MORE CHOIR RECRUITMENT

Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas, is advertising for their church choir. Some of the requirements are:

Physical Qualifications--Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see director 20 feet away.

Experience--No applications accepted from persons who have never sung, hummed, or whistled in the tub or shower.

Vacation--Occasional absence due to funeral, family reunion, etc., will be allowed. Frequency of missed rehearsals and worship services primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return glare and pointed remarks from director.

Retirement--No particular age, but generally determined by printed notes getting too small, robe too heavy, notes too high, or accompanist unable to play the notes you sing.

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QUAKERDALE RECEIVES GIFT FROM FLYING FARMERS

The Flying Farmers of Iowa presented a \$10,000 check to Quakerdale, a Friends youth redemption endeavor located in New Providence, Iowa. M. Richard Whitehead, executive director of Quakerdale, was on hand to accept the gift at the Flying Farmers annual convention in Des Moines.

SHEPHERDS MINISTRY

University Meeting, Wichita, Kansas, outlines the following purposes and methods for shepherding of the congregation:

Purposes--

1. Every family of the meeting to be known, personally, by some other member.
2. Every member of the meeting a friend to as many others as possible. Not just a Sunday acquaintance, but a personal relationship.
3. To encourage attendance and participation in all phases of the church work.
4. To minister to the needs of members--physical and spiritual.
5. To witness for Christ by "faith with works."
6. To encourage the weak, visit those in need and see that help is given.

Methods--

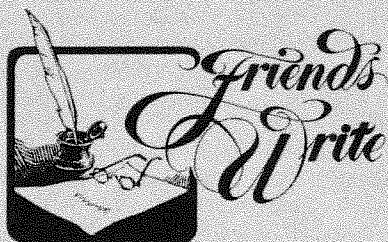
1. The city has been divided into sections, each with 20 to 35 family units.
2. Members accept the responsibility of being shepherds for one of the sections: four shepherds to a section.
3. Shepherds contact each family in their area in a way that makes the person or family know they are representing the church and that Friends care.
4. Shepherds meet approximately once a month for the exchange of ideas, suggestions, and encouragement of all.
5. Some shepherds are particularly concerned with members who are shut-ins, in nursing homes, in hospitals, or in certain age groups.
6. Every member of the meeting is concerned enough that if some need is known it is reported to the church office or to someone who can answer the call.

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Him? Jesus is always the ultimate Burden Bearer and the One who delivers. When we do our part, He delights to do His.

I know that my load's too heavy at times. I need help.

Maybe you do, too?



'Spare Sock' Responds

■ I always enjoy Nancy Thomas's "A Certain Shaft of Light" but "The Spare" in the April issue of *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* is particularly good. In fact, I felt inspired to write the following letter to Nancy:

MARY E. BREWER

Portland, Oregon

(Editor's note: A portion of Mary Brewer's open letter to Nancy Thomas is included for the pertinent message and interest to all *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* readers.)

Dear Nancy,

This is a spare sock answering from another part of the world. Are you my missing mate? I was one of those kids who used to dream about being a missionary, of following the footsteps of Albert Schweitzer, and building hospitals, schools, and fertilizer plants in the aching, hungry parts of the world.

When I first "turned my life over to the Lord," I didn't, really. It was as if I had said, "Yes, Lord, I will do what I am doing already, only I'll make out the dedication on the front page 'To the Lord.'" Luckily, He is able to work even with a 1 percent commitment like that, and He is a loving, patient teacher. Recently He suggested that He might indeed want me to be a missionary. Not in Bolivia or the Congo or any place difficult and exciting like that, but in an ordinary neighborhood in Portland, Oregon, where I happen (just happen?) to live.

I suspect that being a missionary in Portland is not so different from being a missionary in La Paz, and I think you could give me lots of useful advice. Let's pretend that I am a summer intern and you are my

director. How would you have me start? How do professional evangelists start out in new fields? How do I break the news to my neighbors without triggering the clamshell response to "another religious nut"?

I confess, I'm not just writing for myself but because I suspect there are a lot of us "closet missionaries" whom God is urgently calling to gather in that part of His harvest that is growing at our very doorsteps. It is well and good to raise families and do our jobs honestly, but unless these activities are the means by which we demonstrate God's love to our neighbors, rather than as ends in themselves, we are really part of the wheat that is still out in the rain and in need of gathering into the dry barn of Salvation.

Our "barn" (the church) is, as usual, in need of a few repairs, but I hope you can give us some advice on converting it from mere dry storage to a headquarters for an active mission field.

With love,
Mary

Can Restitution Mend Wounds?

■ Thank you for the thought-provoking article on crime and punishment (April, 1982). It hurts to be a victim of a crime, sometimes very badly! . . .

The real crux of the matter comes down to *how* to influence society so that our response to criminals encourages the development of repentance and reform.

Witnessing in prisons about the hope every individual has through Jesus' message of repentance and forgiveness of sin may be part of the solution. Acting as broker between victim and offender to see if some restitution settlement could be satisfactorily arranged and therefore bypass the justice procedure might help. Perhaps personal kindnesses toward prisoners, such as helping them with an outside family matter they can't attend to, offering supporting association and encouragement, supplying needed material items could directly aid and comfort the incarcerated . . .

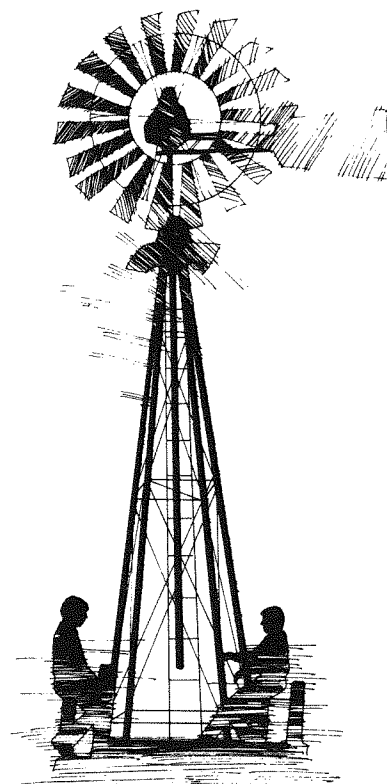
Where there is admission of trespass, can restitution mend those wounds? Can there be growth for victim and offender through this process? Can we accept that growth and be satisfied, letting revenge slip away? Let us pray we can.

KATHLEEN DOHNER

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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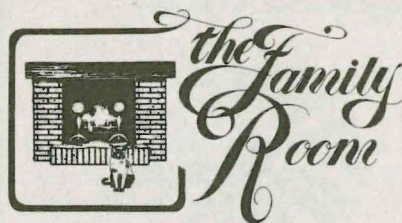
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THE PRESCHOOL YEARS

BY NANCY WOODWARD

Whenever I see a young mother with a babe in arms and one or two preschool children in tow I think, "Poor lady, she is really busy and tied down." Then I remind myself that I did it once and I survived! At one point we had a newborn, a 23-month, and a four-year-old in our home.

When our oldest hit two years old, I frantically started reading child development books. The advice of one author was to bury them when they were two and dig them up when they turn five! A lot of hope

this gave me! At least I learned there were no "pat answers" for parents with preschoolers.

Because of the intense time demands on parents and particularly the mother, I believe the years of having preschoolers in the home put extra pressure on a marriage relationship. Often young parents have extra financial burdens. Just the cost of prenatal care, delivery, and postnatal care is a burden these days.

Because of my concern for young parents I would like to share a list of suggestions for surviving the preschool years. Most of these are for mothers, some for both parents, and one is specifically for the father and husband.

(1) Develop a friendship with another mother who has children close to the age of yours or who preferably has children one or two years older than your firstborn. Two generations ago usually the mother, aunt, or sister of a new mother lived close enough to give helpful and practical hints to new mothers when asked. Now with the mobility of our society, often our close relatives live miles away so a friend is needed to help supply the practical side of being a parent.

I was fortunate when our first child was born to have a good friend with a child one year old. She shared with me information I was too stupid or too timid to ask our doctor. She gave me practical tips on nursing my baby, how to deal with teething, hints on stretching out times between night feedings, etc. Mostly I simply learned by watching her with her child. Her experience and friendship were invaluable to me.

(2) Make a commitment to attend at least one regular weekly adult activity—a Bible study, an exercise class, an art class, or a continuing education class. Arrange for regular baby-sitting so you are not tempted to skip this activity. Being in the adult world gives you a better perspective of yourself.

(3) Develop a phone friendship. When our three were young, this happened quite by accident. (The Lord knew I needed it!) I met another young mother who also had three preschoolers. When one of us was feeling up to our ears with kids we would call the other and let off some steam. We would talk about the mundane things of life, consult about if we should take a sick child to the doctor, and share our joys or frustrations. We found we rarely spent time together because having six children under five years of age only produced chaos. It was a lot simpler to talk on the phone.

(4) Have a weekly date together. Creativity can supplement a tight budget for a date night. Double dates with another couple are also lots of fun. It means a lot to a young mother to know that once a week she will have the complete attention of her husband. Young mothers are on duty or on call 24 hours a day. If they know they have one evening off per week with their husband, it gives an emotional boost to them. I knew my husband really cared for me when he arranged for the baby-sitting and made plans for our date night. It was fun to be surprised. I still remember one summer evening when Ron borrowed a canoe and prepared a picnic supper. (It was complete with a hibachi to barbecue hamburgers.) We canoed down the Willamette River to a nearby island. A weekly date night helps keep the rest of the week in perspective.

(5) When you have a sick child or do not feel well yourself, ask for help. We all tend to thrive on self-pity. But when you are desperate for sleep it is the time to ask a neighbor or friend to keep your child or children for an afternoon so you can nap.

(6) Do not take these years too seriously. Parents have to develop a sense of humor in order to survive. A friend of mine who had two preschoolers and a new baby told of a time when she could not find her toaster. Absentminded during the after-breakfast chaos, she had put it away in the refrigerator!

(7) Try to do one thing each day that can be completed. Write one letter, sew on one button, read one chapter in a book, or mow the lawn. At the end of the day you can then say one project was started and finished. So much of a young mother's day is filled with tasks that never end. Being able to complete even one task in a day helps a young mother's self-esteem.

(8) Two or three times a year plan to leave your children for a weekend or for

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one night. A few days away really help make the never-ending job of being a parent of preschoolers a greater joy. This can be arranged through the generosity of relatives or friends or by exchanging children with another couple. If money is a problem, leave the kids somewhere else for a night and stay at home alone.

Parents of older children always tell young parents to enjoy them while they are young. A normal response of a young mother is, "I'm trying, I'm trying." But after a night of being up five times with a child who has an earache or walking a fussy baby, it does at times get to be more difficult to enjoy them. As our children grow older it is amazing how we forget about those sleepless nights. The preschool years are demanding and challenging years both in the parents' and the child's lives. By grace all parents pass through these years. By choice we can make some decisions to make them more joyous. 



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Nicaraguan Baptist Pastor Reports on Political Situation

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA—A Nicaraguan woman pastor has told of the involvement of Christians in the current development of a new government and society in her native country, and urged American Christians to "be at the forefront to bring peace and justice" to her nation. The pastor, Patricia Castro, is a seminary graduate and served for a year and a half in the Department of Interior of the Sandinista government before returning to pastoral work. She is part of a team of Nicaraguan church leaders presently in the U.S. to "present their story" and "bring a measure of balance to the American understanding of events in Central America," according to American Baptist News Service.

The young Nicaraguan minister began by saying that "we received the Gospel from

missionaries, either European or American, and we were taught that the business of God was to be within the walls of the church . . . our goal was to look toward heaven . . . [and] this attitude allowed the Somoza government to be in power for 40 years." During this time, she said, "thousands were assassinated, houses were burned, women raped," and we "as Christians, although we saw, 'passed by on the other side' like the priest and Levite in the story of the good Samaritan." It was the "young people of the Sandinista," she reported, who "came forward and tried to help." "The Christians learned from them what is love and justice."

Christians now, she declared, are participating in the government, fighting illiteracy, and bringing medical relief. They have learned, she said, that "we can worship God not only by singing and praying in church, but with our hands." "We have discovered," she added, "that the same God who heard His people in biblical times is present in Nicaragua." "We are convinced," she said, "that Jesus Christ is moving in Nicaragua and He is using whoever He thinks will help Nicaragua."

—Evangelical Press Association

Missions Leader Opposes Budget Cuts for Housing

WASHINGTON—Calling for justice in funding federal low income housing, Wendell Belew, director of the missions ministries division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, gave testimony opposing federal housing budget cuts before the subcommittee on housing and community development for the committee on banking, finance and urban affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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"Do not let this tragedy happen to the poor, the young, the elderly," Belew pleaded with the committee. Belew warned if the budget cuts are approved "in the absence of just concern, there can only grow anger, chaos, and anarchy. All the armaments we can build can never protect us from ourselves. We may be creating an explosion . . . in our very midst." "Can it be possible that our nation will devise techniques and funding for a military establishment capable of maiming or killing half the people of the world but remain incapable of maintaining adequate housing in our nation?" he asked.

—E.P.

Nestle Agrees to Follow WHO Code: Status of Boycott Against Nestle Being Studied

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA—On Tuesday, March 16, the Nestle Company publicly released instructions to all its companies and to agents and distributors who market

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infant formula overseas under trademarks owned by the Nestle Group that defined specific Marketing Practices for Infant Formula that would comply with the World Health Organization (WHO) Code, passed in Geneva, May 1981. This announcement by Nestle, the largest maker of infant formula, seems to have been the result of an international boycott of Nestle products for the past five years.

—E.P.

Religious Community Launches Protest to Nuclear Arms Race

NEW YORK — In what was expected to be the largest public outpouring of opposition yet from the religious community against the nuclear arms race, thousands of churches and synagogues in this country and others in 17 nations around the world observed "Choose Life: A Weekend of Worship and Witness," May 28-31. The climax of the weekend fell on Sunday, May 30, when, after churches and synagogues gathered for "Peace Sabbath" and "Peace Pentecost" services, they participated in pilgrimages to their local nuclear weapons facilities. Coordinators all over the country helped organize these localized public witnesses.

—E.P.

Brethren Staff Return Tax Cuts To Protest Reagan Budget Policy

ELGIN, ILLINOIS — In response to the tax cuts received in 1981, twenty-seven members of the Church of the Brethren General Board have decided to protest. They are sending 30 pieces of silver to the White House as a symbol of "this betrayal of the poor."

The pieces of silver have been sent to President Reagan with a letter explaining that the staff members are troubled by receiving this tax benefit while federal programs for the poor are being severely cut.

Those who signed the letter asked that the money, symbolized by the 30 pieces of

silver paid to Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus, be returned to the programs from which it was taken.

"It is fundamental to our understanding of the Christian faith that our response to God is measured, in the final sense, by our response to our neighbors' need," they wrote. "We also believe that war and the preparations for war are the greatest single threat to the well-being of all humankind."

—Brethren "News"

Falwell, Allen Disagree on Issues

ATLANTA — Moral Majority president Jerry Falwell and former Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy R. Allen gave differing views on the roles of public schools during a Christian Life Commission seminar here on strengthening families.

Falwell endorsed "voluntary" prayer in public schools and supported alternative education through 18,000 Christian parochial schools.

Allen, however, drew applause from the crowd by reaffirming his conviction "that withdrawal from the public school of the children of our strongest Christian families and of the finest Christian teachers or administrators is a basic mistake of strategy for the Christian community." This leaves the public school system "abandoned to non-Christians, the poverty-stricken, and a few stubborn and embattled believers," Allen said.

—E.P.

Year of the Unborn Child Petition Gaining Ground

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Virginia Evers, National Coordinator for Year of the Unborn Child, Congressman Mark Siljander of Michigan, and Year of the Unborn Washington chairman Gary Bergel announced the introduction of a resolution into the U.S. Congress, calling upon President Reagan to officially proclaim 1982 as Year of the Unborn Child and launched a petition drive to gather 1,000,000 signatures on behalf of the unborn.

The Year of the Unborn is a grass roots concept that has now been adopted by more than 46 national organizations. Coordinators for Year of the Unborn Child agree with President Reagan's recent remarks to the 9th Annual Conservative Political Action Conference that "We must, with calmness and resolve, help the vast majority of our fellow Americans understand that the more than 1½ million abortions performed in America in 1980 amount to a great moral evil and assault upon the sacredness of human life."

—E.P.

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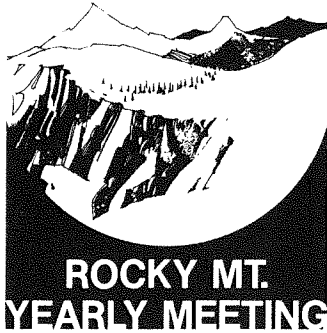
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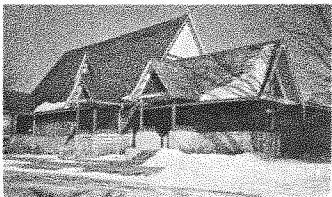


ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

Paonia Dedicates New Facilities

Paonia Friends now have a new fellowship room to enjoy. The church addition completed in January was recently dedicated. Superintendent Jack Rea spoke at the dedication services. David Leach, pastor of Northridge Friends in Wichita, Kansas, spoke in a morning worship service. More than 200 attended the special service.

The new building consists of a fellowship room, kitchen, pastor's office, rest rooms, and a new entry



way. Other improvements included turning the sanctuary around, with a new platform, new lights, redecorating, and painting. The Paonia parsonage is now the education building. Pastor Eldon Cox and his family now live in their own home.

Fort Collins Hosts Spring Rocky View Area Meeting

The spring fellowship of the Rocky View Area meeting met in Fort Collins. Evangelical Friends Missions director Jim Morris challenged those attending to become involved in tent-making ministries.

New area representatives selected are Joe Henshaw, area director;

Men's and Women's Retreats

Are you tired? Is it a struggle even to face another day? Perhaps you need refreshment. The annual Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting men's and women's retreats could be just what you are looking for. Why not plan to attend? The men's retreat is October 15-17 at Maranatha Bible Camp in southeast Nebraska, and the women's retreat is September 17-19 at Star Ranch.

Naomi Weinacht, recording clerk; Jo Erma Krieger, spiritual life; Larry Vance, stewards; Dan Jamison, outreach; and Judy VanMeter, education.

Plainview Friends Study Scriptures for Encouragement and Growth

Men and women in the Plainview, Nebraska, Friends Meeting are involved in Bible studies designed to deepen their relationships with Christ.

The men's Bible study, led by Pastor Guy Robinson, started six months ago. The group's theme verse is "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:13, 14)

Glenda Robinson leads the weekly women's study. Myrna Alexander's book *Behold Your God* is their most recent study topic.



Men's Bible study (left to right) Top—Arlyn DePeel, Melvin Rasmussen, and Randy Foster Bottom—Con Schultz, Earl Foster, and Don Lund



Women's Bible study (front left to front right) Glenda Robinson, Mere Hill, Ellie Myers, Jane Zechman, Sandy Schultz, and Carol Lund

RYM Briefs ...

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado—Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's anniversary book, *Friends Ministering Together*, is available through the Yearly Meeting office. The cost is \$5.95 for one copy, \$5.50 for two copies, and \$5 for three or more copies. To obtain books write: 25th Anniversary Book, 29 North Garland, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

FORT COLLINS, Colorado—Church members have joined together in a united effort to collect funds for World Relief. Money is being set aside in plastic banks and will be

sent to the interdenominational evangelical organization for its "Skip a Lunch and Feed a Bunch" program. Members have one motivation to consider—each week the number of people who die from starvation equals a city approximately the size of Fort Collins—80,000 people.

RYM Prayer Opportunities

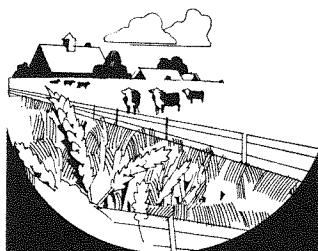
1. Pray God would give wisdom and discernment to church members in Paonia, Colorado, as they minister in that area.

2. Pray for encouragement to Terry Ash and his congregation as they minister in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

3. Ask for special blessings on the Bible studies done through the Plainview, Nebraska, meeting.

4. Pray that new ministry opportunities will arise in the area where Empire Friends (Vale, South Dakota) is located.

5. Praise God for the results in youth camps at Quaker Ridge. Ask that each one in attendance would live a fruitful life before God.



MID-AMERICA YEARLY MEETING

Friends Ministers Fellowship: Pastors' Retreat

"Ho-hum! Just another annual event to attend" may have been the feelings some of us brought to Pastors' Retreat at the Center for Christian Renewal in Oklahoma City. Encouragingly, it was not the spirit in which this participant and others left.

Featured speaker Glenn McNiel, of the faculty of Friends Bible College, opened the retreat with a challenge for honesty in our spiritual lives and relationships (with our fellow ministers of the Word) in the local church as he addressed the theme of the retreat, "The Biblical Basis for Pastoral Leadership."

Our Burundi missionaries Willard and Doris Ferguson and Alfred and Ruth Miller gave some helpful hints as to how pastors can improve the quality of the time a missionary has in their church.

Marcile Leach and Chris Bigley helped the pastors to focus on the needs of their spouse to be a "pastor listener" at various critical times in their lives. The honest sharing was like a breath of fresh air. Then Royce

Frazier, MAYM youth superintendent, shared important concepts about leadership based on an overwhelming love for the people. Later, David Leach called us to commitment in sacramental marriages.

Another special element of the week was the celebration of John Robinson's and Gerald Teague's years of ministry as our MAYM superintendents at our banquet. Each was presented a beautiful grandmother clock with Westminster chimes. With the gifts came expressions of love and support for their caring leadership. They have been positive examples of men serving their Lord. The pastors of MAYM want to express thanks to them before all of you.

The pastors also had opportunity for open dialogue with Maurice and Peggy Roberts. Maurice has been given a call to the superintendency of MAYM by the Executive Council pending approval of the Yearly Meeting. The result of the sharing was a standing vote of affirmation by the pastors for their appointment.

In the closing service Superintendent John Robinson and his wife, Betty, again demonstrated their longstanding love for Mid-America Yearly Meeting. Their words of encouragement and challenge were expressive of their inner spirits as they held the Robertses in their arms and asked for God's continued guidance of MAYM through their future leadership.

Just another annual event? I'm glad I was there.

—David Hickman

Youth Ministries

MAYM Summer Ministries groups are beginning to take shape. Included in this year's activities are *Cornerstone*, a college music group—traveling to the east coast; *New Covenant*, a high school music group—traveling through the Midwest and Rocky Mountain areas; *Puppet Company*, traveling through the Midwest and Gulf areas. Also included this year is a junior high bike trip, and two backpacks—one to Colorado and one to Idaho.

The Summer Ministries program strives to take the Christian life out of the verbal and sometimes abstract realm and place it in a real "living life" setting. "Only as we live

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life with our youth and model our Christian commitment before them can we expect the Spirit to convict and minister to their lives."

—Royce Frazier
Youth Superintendent

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The MILLERS

Our intense deputation began in earnest in October and has taken us to 59 churches and homes for 116 services. It has been a beautiful experience for us, for our last deputation tour was 17 years ago. Seeing the many improvements in the churches and meeting friends of yesteryear were exciting as was the making of new friends.

God is so good to give us this opportunity. The wonderful way in which we were received and the precious times we had worshipping together will not soon be forgotten. We appreciate the kindness of those who hosted us with such love. We were encouraged by the active missionary program we found in place in many of the churches. We enjoyed deputation most where we were helping promote that program.

Witnessing to the great and marvelous works God has been doing in Burundi was a joy. We never tire of exalting the Lord, who did such mighty miracles among the Burundi. The One who revives, forgives, saves, heals, and changes in Burundi is able for America, too.

God has only just begun to work in Burundi. Mid-America Yearly Meeting has been mightily used there to establish the Burundi Friends Church. That church still needs our spiritual and financial help. The Great Commission still calls us.

Currently, funds are lacking to cover the budgeted needs of transportation, field projects, and missionaries' salaries. We are not discouraged. We have seen your love and burden for Burundi. We believe you will be faithful to pray and give. We believe God wants us to return to Burundi for this our last term of service. Let us all be responsive to His calling.

—Alfred and Ruth Miller
April 29, 1982



The FERGUSONS

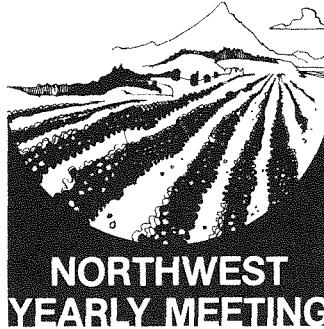
Friends—new and old—miles of road—suitcases—late nights and early mornings—smile a lot—answer questions—remember names—that's missionary deputation.

It is dreaded by most missionaries in the midst of the anticipation of furlough (why doesn't God make liking public speaking a prerequisite for being a missionary?) and looked back on by most with many good memories, mingled with questions. Have we really accomplished our goals in the churches we've visited? Do people really care more about Friends far away? Are they encouraged, seeing the fruit of their concern and support? Are they developing a real burden of prayer? Do they have a better understanding of a developing church? Do they still love us after we've shared openly of our problems?

After 20,350 miles traveled and sharing in 71 services and 8 home meetings—how do we feel? First, we feel GRATEFUL to Mid-America Yearly Meeting for the privilege of attending the media seminar to prepare a slide presentation and to the MAYM office staff for their efforts to make our traveling as convenient as possible. We are also THANKFUL for the new friends we've made and are BLESSED by renewing acquaintances with many old friends. We are PRAISING God for safety and protection—so far one flat tire has been our only mechanical problem. Then we can't help but feel SAD at the many times we've left our family and are continuously asking God to do for them what we can't always do. And we are OVERWHELMED when we think of the love and concern that has been shown to us everywhere—and the net of prayer support that surrounds us.

Coming to the end of this furlough year we are impressed to remind you all that God hasn't lifted the responsibility of reaching around the world from MAYM. "And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14, 15) Let us keep on working together.

—Willard and Doris Ferguson
April 29, 1982



George Fox College President LeShana Resigns

George Fox College President David C. LeShana has announced his resignation to become the president of Seattle Pacific University. LeShana has been at George Fox for 15 years and has helped guide the college in major growth in both enrollment and facilities.

Friends Pastors Conference Hears Ponder Gilliland

Ponder Gilliland, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City, served as the leader-speaker of the annual spring Ministers' Conference held at Twin Rocks. Gilliland spent several hours responding to questions and interaction sharing with pastors, giving his own experiences and evaluations.

Harold Clark, pastor at Eugene, Oregon, Friends, was chosen as president of the Ministerial Association for the coming year.

Around Northwest Yearly Meeting

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the Yearly Meeting has appointed a "long-range planning committee" chaired by assistant presiding clerk Lon Fendall to reevaluate and develop priorities, strategies, and evaluation of our Yearly Meeting

work. Two meetings have been held with some progress reports to be ready at Yearly Meeting. Anyone with special concerns to be expressed to this group in evaluating the Yearly Meeting's emphases is encouraged to write to Lon Fendall.

MORE THAN 170 YOUNGSTERS were involved last summer in the "Friends for Kids" ministries at Piedmont in Portland, and Katrina Cathcart is anticipating as many as 300 for this summer. They are making effective use of black teenagers, most of whom have been trained in the Friends for Kids programs. There is a need now for funding for the summer as they hire the young people to help since this is the only job many of them can get.

PASTORAL CHANGES—Gil and Louise George have accepted the pastorate at Meridian Friends Church upon their return from the mission field in Peru. They will start September 1. Gerald and Alice Dillon will pastor Vancouver First Friends, leaving the faculty at Western Evangelical Seminary. Bruce Hicks, also leaving Western Evangelical Seminary, will take a pastorate in Marshalltown, Iowa.

1982 SESSIONS of Northwest Yearly Meeting will feature Dr. Myron Augsburger, giving two presentations each day (10:00 a.m. and evening).



The keynote address by Jack Willcuts will be Sunday evening at Wheeler Sports Center. Evening sessions will include presentations by the departments of Evangelism, Social Concerns, Youth, Ministry, and George Fox College. Missions Rally will be Sunday afternoon. A full program is planned for young people through high school age.

QUAKER COVE BOARD of Puget Sound Area invited all Friends across the Yearly Meeting to spend a day at Quaker Cove to learn more about its ministries and program. Quaker Cove is a series of cottages with a conference center located on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound.

JACK WILLCUTS was the speaker for the California Pastor's Short Course and gave a series of lectures on Quaker doctrine.

GAYLE BEEBE, who has served this year as field secretary for Friends Youth, completed his work in May and will be attending Princeton Theological Seminary next year. Frank Engle, a graduating senior at George Fox College this spring, will

Coming Events

JULY

- 24 Yearly Meeting Banquets for women and men
- 25-29 Yearly Meeting sessions, Wheeler Sports Center, George Fox College

SEPTEMBER

- 21-23 Pastors' FOCUS Conference, Umatilla

OCTOBER

- Sept. Friends Women's Missionary Fellowship Conference, Quaker Hill, Idaho
- 14-17 Friends Women's Missionary Fellowship Conference, Twin Rocks, Oregon

replace Gayle and will maintain his office and headquarters at his home in Melba, Idaho.

WALTER AND CAROL LEE, retired pastors and former superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, will be recognizing their fiftieth wedding anniversary with an open house at the Star Friends Church on June 27, 1982.

JEAN CLARK, returning to the States. Jean has taught missionary children in Puno, Peru, for two terms.



BETTY and GENE COMFORT, going to Bolivia for short-term ministry this summer. The Comforts are former missionaries, having served in Bolivia for three terms with Northwest Yearly Meeting.

Around George Fox College

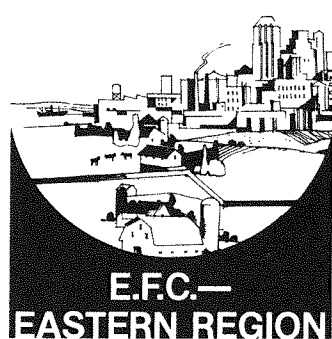
Charles W. Colson, author of the best-selling *Born Again* and former special counsel to President Richard Nixon, was speaker for 1982 George Fox College commencement ceremonies May 29. Colson, founder and president of Prison Fellowship based in Washington, D.C., authored the book about his Christian conversion in 1975. The Southern Baptist layman served a prison term for obstruction of justice for his part in the Watergate crimes of the Nixon administration. Now a writer and lay minister, Colson has increasingly become a spokesman for criminal justice system reform.

Paul S. Rees, now editor-at-large of *World Vision Magazine* and former vice-president-at-large of World Vision International and director of its overseas program of pastors' conferences, was baccalaureate speaker.

A seven-member music group, "Day-spring," has been chosen to represent George Fox this year on a tour of the Western United States, appearing at about 25 churches, youth and family conferences, and church conferences. Members chosen are Debbie Cawthorn, Jewell Harmon, Steve Harmon, Benjamin Hicken-

looper, Janelle Puckett, Thomas Wagoner, and Vickie Troyer, pianist.

Noted church historian Timothy L. Smith delivered a series of three lectures as the college's third spring Theological Conference speaker. Smith is an educator/clergyman and author, and director of the American Religious History program at Johns Hopkins University.



EFC—ER Happenings

SUMMER MINISTRIES leaders request prayer for all the young people who will be traveling during July. A fine group of youth have been accepted with King's Kids, Young Believers, the orchestra, the Cumberland Mountain Team, Puppet Team, and the Navajo Indian Team.

CAMP CAESAR begins for junior high youth on June 28 and closes July 3. Bruce Burch and Fred Clogg are codirectors, with David Conant directing the music, and John Williams, Jr., sharing the pulpit duties with Jim Brantingham.

Senior high campers meet July 5-10 to hear Dr. Charles DeVol, morning speaker, and Dan Manley, as evening speaker. Bruce Bell will direct the music, and Mickey and Becki Moore of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, will be performing in concert for both camps.

This year marks the 30th year for Friends Youth to meet at Camp Caesar.

JAIMIE and LYDIA TABINGO have now returned to their work in the Philippines after traveling to Taipei, Taiwan, for their first visit, from April 11 to 22. As a guest of Taiwan Yearly Meeting of Friends, Jaimie was recorded as a Friends minister at a special service on April 18. At the Pastors' Retreat the following week, the Tabingos sang and spoke, telling of their work in the Philippines.

GROUND BREAKING for a new sanctuary at Calvary Evangelical Friends Church in Columbus, Ohio, was held concluding the morning service on Sunday, April 25. This challenging step of faith is being taken by the congregation in expanding its facility in order to accommodate the suc-

cessful bus ministry. Gary West, elder of outreach, presided at the service, and Pastor Kenneth Nelson delivered the message. Superintendent Russell Myers gave some encouraging remarks as he participated in turning the first shovel of dirt.

VERN and LOIS ELLIS completed deputation in May among Eastern Region Friends churches, visiting 15 different meetings in Western and Central Ohio and Piedmont District. Sharing their report of the Rough Rock Friends Mission, the Ellises also attended Ministers' Conference, and Vern spoke at the Men in Missions Retreat. Because of their visit, the Navajo work, sponsored by Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, is better known to our constituents.

CAMP WAKEFIELD dates are June 25-July 4. Jack Mayo, president of the association, invites all to the camp. If you desire information, contact Jack at 234 Manchester Drive, Hampton, VA 23666.

QUAKER CANYON CAMP will be directed by Tim Keene with the following schedule:

July 12-16 4th and 5th graders
July 19-23 6th, 7th and 8th graders
July 26-30 2nd and 3rd graders
August 2-6 Day Camp for Kindergarten and 1st graders

L. RANDALL HECKERT, who has pastored Deerfield Friends Church for three years, is entering the U.S. Army Chaplaincy this month. He will be participating in the orientation program at Monmouth, New Jersey, and then be stationed at the Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Army Base.



Ministers' Conference Echoes

An atmosphere of unity, pleasant fellowship, relaxation, and friendship characterized the EFC—ER Conference for ministers and wives held at Massanetta Springs, Virginia, April 19-22.

The theme "The Joy of Preaching" was dynamically presented by guest speakers Myron Augsburg and Roy Putnam.

Dr. Augsburg proclaimed that preaching is not giving a lecture. The purpose of preaching is not to inform—but to motivate for action.

Dr. Putnam, with his ready wit and humorous stories, refreshed the group with his exposition of Isaiah 46.

A highlight of the conference was the music—Tom Harrison featured on Monday evening and the Praise

Gathering led by C. R. and Lois Anne Creed on Wednesday evening.

Dr. Billy Melvin, executive director of NAE, presented his feasibility study on the developments necessary for the growth of EFC—ER. The planting of new churches will be given prime importance.

Morning devotions were led by Vern Ellis, missionary to the Navajos at Rough Rock; Marjorie Myers, using the topic "Be Still and Know that I am God"; Russell Myers, who shared briefly and then introduced Dr. Gordon Werkema, new president of Malone College.

Lois Ellis gave an inspirational talk to the wives during the business sessions. Reappointed as next year's officers are David Roudabush, Roy Taylor, C. R. Creed, and Janet Linger. Next year the conference will convene April 18-21.

—Marjorie Myers

Focus on Malone

Senior Recognition Night was held on April 30, at which time 15 seniors were honored by the college for their outstanding academic achievement.

Quaker students named were *Miranda Clark* in elementary education, *David Murray* in English, *Michael Phillips* in accounting, and *Todd Boyle* in social studies comprehensive.

The two summer sessions held at Malone will be:

1st Session—June 7-July 9

2nd Session—July 12-August 12

For complete information, contact the Academic Affairs Office.

Dan Hoskins, professor of business administration, has been named exchange professor for 1982-83 at Hong Kong Baptist College. He and his wife, Ginevra, expect to leave in August for their new assignment.

Malone students tied for fourth place in the Ohio Division of Students in Free Enterprise held at Kent State University on April 30. Sixteen colleges and universities competed, with Malone entered in the special high school project. Because of their award, Ranya David, Renee Kehres, David Archinal, and Joel Ballard will travel to Dallas, Texas, to participate in national competition.

Friends Men Set Record Attendance at Retreat

Some 380 men from across Eastern Region gathered at Ripley, West Virginia, for a Friends Men in Missions Retreat April 3-May 2. This has set a new record, since previous enrollments have numbered fewer than 200.

On Saturday morning, Pastor Rick Sams and Dr. Edward Mitchell of Alliance, Missionary Vern Ellis, and Administrative Assistant Bruce Burch each led two workshop sessions. The film *Friends in East Asia* was shown, and special music was

provided by "One Accord," a male quartet from Alliance Friends Church. Dr. Charles DeVol was the featured speaker for the banquet. In his delightful style, Dr. DeVol underscored the Scriptures with concrete examples.

The concluding worship service was led by Owen Glassburn, veteran missionary evangelist from Hampton, Virginia.

The Friends Men's Olympics organized by Fred Baer attracted much interest, and the awards were presented at the Saturday evening banquet.

New officers elected to serve through 1983 annual sessions in August were Wayne Blizzard of Willoughby Hills, president; Bill Lawson of Ypsilanti, 1st vice-president; David Mitchell of Orange Road, 2nd vice-president; John Welling of Gilead, secretary; and Warren Betz of Alliance, treasurer.

The project for Friends Men in 1982 is to help provide office space for the Taiwan Friends Mission located in Taipei, Taiwan. The goal is to raise \$5,000 by Yearly Meeting time in August and present the gift to the visiting Chinese from Taiwan. One thousand dollars has already been received from the offering taken at the banquet and from the treasury.

—Don Worden

FRIENDS GATHER

Editor's note: With first mention of a church, the name of its pastor is noted in parentheses.

Reaching Out and Church Growth

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon, (Larry Ganshorn) has seen a gradual increase in attendance the past weeks, with a number of visitors each Sunday. Also the members are reaching out to others through church-related ministries.

MARION, Ohio, (Joseph H. Graham) was presented a plaque by Bruce Burch, of Eastern Region, in recognition of their growth in Sunday school.

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas, has recently installed a new sound system to better enable the hard-of-hearing to worship, using lightweight receivers that can be used anywhere in the sanctuary.

SPRINGDALE, Kansas, (Ray Fitch) have a beautiful new ceiling in their sanctuary, looking forward to their 125th anniversary September 4, 5.

ROSEMERE, Vancouver, Washington, (Richard Henry) also has shown consistent growth during the past year, and as a result they were



able to have a mortgage-burning ceremony for their parsonage. Former pastor Edwin Cammack was speaker for the occasion and is shown in the above photo with Olive Norris as they prepare to burn the parsonage mortgage.

BELLEVILLE, Kansas, (Beth Shapiro) completed their church remodeling, and Superintendent John Robinson conducted their dedication service.

GLEN ELDER, Kansas, (Kenneth Roe) Executive Council held an afternoon and evening retreat for special prayer and in-depth planning for their future. Among other forward moves, they have placed large-print Bibles in the pews as a memorial to Frank R. Graham.

STANWOOD, McLouth, Kansas, (Fred W. Leimkuhler) report their congregation continues to grow in faith and love and in closer unity with one another and to God.

Youth

CAMAS, Washington, (Richard Edmundson) youth concluded an intensive study of world religions, cults, and what Christians believe with a trip to San Francisco. The pastor led both Wednesday evening meetings and the trip. There were 10 teens who went. The teens raised all funds for their trip. Their most successful fund-raising activity was a free car wash! Pledges were made for each car they washed by church family, parents, neighbors, friends, and teachers. They washed a total of 101 cars in seven hours, earning over \$500! (\$80 was donated by customers even though the car wash was free.) They would like to challenge other youth groups to beat their record.

MARION, Ohio, youth enjoyed a pizza feed.

NEWBERG, Oregon, (Ron Woodward) hosted the George Fox College Chorale March 21; April 18 was "Take a GFCer Home to Lunch" day. Around 135 college students were invited out for a home-cooked meal. KDC (Kids Development Company), the Wednesday night club for junior-age kids, had an overnight Spring Retreat at the beach.

GLEN ELDER youth have developed a much-appreciated "Puppet Ministry."

ALLIANCE, Ohio, (Rich Sams) youth are out for a "mile of pennies" and have placed a glass container in the foyer for this purpose. The pennies will be used for Camp Caesar and Summer Ministries. They also sponsored a sale of portraits. Twenty-eight youth attended an All-city Youth Rally, which featured "One Accord," a men's quartet from Alliance Friends. Something new the youth have done—they went *Love Caroling* as a ministry to the elderly or ill. Treva Jorney, Malone College senior, was elected to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Detective Metzger from the Alliance Police Department presented a program on drugs for youth and parents. Art Jones, director of the Boys Club, is teaching an elective in Sunday school, "Building Father-Son Relationships."

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio, (Charles Bancroft) youth raised \$1,400 for Endeavors for Christ in 1981. A plaque was awarded them



by Bruce Burch for being second in total giving in Eastern Region.

The children of the **URBANA, Ohio,** (David Byrne) junior church held a party at the Urbana Care Center, where they played games with the residents. Activities of older youth included visiting shut-ins followed by a trip to McDonalds, bowling, a pizza party, and a dinner provided and served by the adults. They also joined the district youth for a musical service by Larry Ahlborn.

At **WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio,** (Galen Weingart) the senior FY is studying the book *More than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell. Also, they have offered their services to anyone desiring spring cleaning done.

DENVER, Colorado, (Dave Brantingham) church has six seniors graduating from high school, and three from college.

Wendy Bridge won the 4H speech contest, junior division, from **NEW HOPE, Hay Springs, Nebraska** (Paul Moser).

Missions

BELLEVILLE recently hosted the area missionary rally, with excellent attendance. Willard and Doris Ferguson, missionaries from Burundi, were special guests. In another service Anna Warnken, from Emporia, shared about her prison ministry.

Doris Ferguson was also a guest speaker for a luncheon given by the women at **GLEN ELDER.** This church was especially blessed also

with the ministry of missionaries Everett and Alda Clarkson, Alfred and Ruth Miller, and the Fergusons.

ALLIANCE Friends enjoyed slides shown at the prayer breakfast by Dean Johnson of the new church building in Mexico. This was sponsored by the Men in Missions group, serving as a kickoff for the men's retreat. Also, Howard and Wilma Jacobs of OMS International ministered in music and showed a film for a youth meeting.

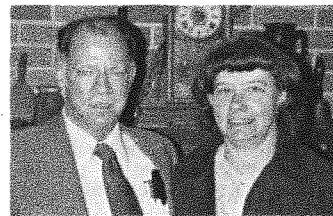
URBANA had a poster depicting Chhatarpur English School in India displayed in the rear of the sanctuary. In the door of the school the offering was placed for Norma Freer. The slide and cassette presentation "India, Then and Now," prepared by Anna Nixon, was a real challenge.

WESTGATE Missionary Circle held a shower for Shaila Solanki and two daughters, who will be returning soon to India.

Community Outreach

An exciting new dimension has been added to the ministry of **NEWBERG** Friends, in the form of a ministry to foreign-speaking residents of Newberg. Each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 the church holds a Spanish worship service under the ministry of Bob and Maurine Gilmore, former missionaries to Guatemala. They report an average attendance of 25. In addition to this service, there also is a Vietnamese Bible study held at the church on Tuesday evenings under the leadership of Pastor Do from Portland, Oregon. For this study there has been an average attendance of 16. The week of May 2-8 was "Third Age Week," a week of special recognition of senior citizens. The week began Sunday, May 2, with a special morning service, followed in the afternoon by a reception at Friendsview Manor. Then during the week approximately 120 senior citizens were invited into the homes of church members for coffee/fellowship or a meal.

STANWOOD had a state representative speak to their congregation regarding pending legislative action. They also had an informative service by Dean and Freeda Johnson of



Ohio, who shared ideas and gave inspiration for helping others in time of need. Allen and Nancy Smelser led a worship service. Strips of material representing fears, concerns, and habits were tied to a rough-hewn cross symbolizing the bearing of all sins by Christ Jesus. Many worshipers joined in this symbolic act.

FOWLER, Kansas, (Ron Ferguson) the young adult Sunday school class sponsored a "Television Fast," encouraging families to find alternative ways to spend time together.

BETHEL, Kansas, (Steve Harmon) had Evangelism Explosion sessions, led by the pastors, with several accepting Christ as Savior. Church members became prayer partners for both teachers and students in the program.

GLEN ELDER women sponsored a shower for a needy family who became parents of twins.

ALLIANCE men Howard Blasiman and Ed Phillips worked with the Friends Disaster Service in Defiance, Ohio.

Lloyd and Floyd Harmon, twin brothers, **BELLEFONTAINE**, were honored by the Red Cross for their donations of blood—105 and 110 pints. Seven-year-old Debbie Robb was named by the city as "Easter Lily Day" child, because of her unusual determination and inspiration in spite of being a victim of cerebral palsy.

GILEAD, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, (Charles L. Robinson) Friends Jim and Kay Cermak have been recognized as "Certified Tentmakers" and have been assisting with the work at Marion, Ohio.

Special Services and Rallies

Special services recently at **GLEN ELDER** have included Focus on the Family Series by James Dobson; Holy Life Ministry with Max Huffman; stewardship service on estate planning led by Dale Field of Friends Bible College; teacher-training workshop sponsored by the Education Committee and led by Robin Johnston and students from Friends Bible College.

At **BELLEFONTAINE**, Ohio, (Philip E. Taylor) following a carry-in supper on a recent Wednesday evening, the "Spirits of Praise" singing group from Malone College had charge of the service. Revival services were held recently with Dr. Lowell Roberts as evangelist, and a great moving of the Spirit was experienced. Special music included the newly formed children's choir under the direction of Cheryl Armentrout and the adult choir under Rosalyn Phelps.

Owen Glassburn was guest evangelist recently at **PELHAM**, Ontario, Canada (David Peters). Besides preaching, Owen Glassburn did magic tricks for the children. Each night special music was provided by Maurice Thomas, Tim Catchpool, and Darlene Proveau. Mae Glass-

burn had a Japanese tea one morning for the ladies.

Thirteen Friends from **FOWLER** attended the Western Area Rally at Lone Star and enjoyed an excellent program, meal, and fellowship.

DERBY, Kansas, (Dan Qualls) hosted the Wichita Area Rally, with all seven churches represented. The 130 attenders were blest by the singing of Henry Harvey as well as the fellowship with friends.

Special services surrounding the Easter season were reported by **BETHEL**, **MARION**, **KLAMATH FALLS**, **NORTHBRIDGE**, Kansas, (David Leach); **BELLEFONTAINE**, **WESTGATE**, **TECUMSEH**, **CANTON**, Ohio, (John P. Williams); and **MANSFIELD**, Ohio (Richard Pass).

At **TECUMSEH**, April 18 was Church Loyalty Day, with every church member's name called. Shut-ins or those who lived at a distance were asked to respond by letter. A group study "The Rich Heritage of Friends" is being conducted during Sunday school by Pastor John Williams.

At **RAISIN VALLEY**, Adrian, Michigan, (Dale Chryst) a "Young at Heart" fellowship was held recently. Dr. and Mrs. Charles DeVoi were recent speakers. Ten people attended the Super Saver Training Seminar.

Church Anniversaries

WILLOW CREEK, Kansas City, Missouri, (Greg Harris) celebrates its centennial this year. June 13 will be their special day for praising God for the past, present, and future of their church. Former attenders are invited to return for this celebration.

OKLAHOMA CITY (formerly Overholser), Oklahoma, (Sheldon Cox) celebrates 20 years of service this June 27. They want all who have been a part of Oklahoma City or Overholser churches to be there for that day if possible.

NORTHBRIDGE celebrated their tenth anniversary in the present facility April 25, 1982. A full day of festivities involved 400 in morning worship, basket dinner, afternoon praise and sharing service, and recreation. The first use of new hymnals, *Hymns for the Family of God*, helped complete the celebration.

FRIENDS CHAPEL, Coyle, Oklahoma, (Val Bridenstine) held a Homecoming Sunday May 23. They observed a regular worship service, followed by a potluck meal at noon. All former pastors, members, or attenders were invited to celebrate 63 years of service in that area.

—Compiled by Ruth Brown

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

BAILEY—A daughter, Amanda Nichole, to Ralph and Karen Bailey, January 18, 1982, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

BECK—To Neil and Brenda Beck, a son, Ryan Stuart, March 26, 1982, Camas, Washington.

BOWEN—To Donald and Ferne Bowen, a son, Jacob Michael, March 19, 1982, Klamath Falls Friends, Oregon.

BOWLES—A son, Zachary Tyler, to Bill D. and Diana Bowles, March 16, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

DAUM—To Rodney and Jan Daum, a daughter, Amanda, April 7, 1982, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

DIEPENBROCK—To Dan and Paula (Cline) Diepenbrock, a son, George Robert, March 22, 1982, Lawrence, Kansas.

DOBUSH—To Robert and Mary Dobush, a daughter, Grace Marie, March 28, 1982, Cleveland, Ohio.

FLETCHER—To Rick and Joyce Fletcher, a daughter, Kelli Reba, March 20, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

GOERES—To Mark and Kay Goeres, a daughter, Janelle Lynn, December 16, 1981, Medford, Oregon.

GOODMAN—To Glen and Sue Goodman, a son, Paul Edward, March 12, 1982, Cleveland, Ohio.

GOUGHENOUR—To Mike and Teresa Goughenour, a son, Michael Jeffrey, April 2, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

HARSH—To Leroy and Cheryl Harsh, a son, Jason Matthew, March 17, 1982, Adrian, Michigan.

JACKSON—To Robb and Shelby Jackson, a son, Robert Marc, March 20, 1982, Columbus, Ohio.

KESINGER—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kesinger, a son, Brandon Lee, March 25, 1982, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

MARTIN—To Jack and Jolene Martin, a daughter, Julia Danielle, February 17, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

McMANAMA—To Randy and Gail McManama, a daughter, Natalie Marchel, February 8, 1982, Medford, Oregon.

MORRIS—To John and Lori Morris, a daughter, Amanda Susanna, April 5, 1982, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

OVERBAUGH—A daughter, Sarah Bridgett, to Robert and Emma Overbaugh, Jr., January 13, 1982, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

PEAK—To Bryan and Melody Peak, a son, Jarid David, January 15, 1982, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

PEDERSEN—To Scott and Sherri Pedersen, a boy, Brandon Scott, February 1982, Medford, Oregon.

POST—A son, Brett Alan to Brent and Karla Post, March 5, 1982, Fowler, Kansas.

RABER—A son, Zachary Lamont, to Bruce and Lorraine (Ross) Raber, April 27, 1982, Coldwater, Kansas.

ROBINSON—To Guy and Glenda Robinson, a son, Joel Thomas, March 18, 1982, Plainview, Nebraska.

ROBINSON—To Ron and Debbie Robinson, a daughter, Charlann Marie, March 31, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

SHAW—To Dean and Becky Shaw, a son, Robert Wesley, April 2, 1982, Adrian, Mich.

THORSON—A son, Russel, to Terry and Carryl Thorson, February 14, 1982, Plainview, Nebraska.

USSERY—A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Geary and Jerry Ussery, March 1, 1982, Derby, Kansas.

WATERBURY—A daughter, Brandy Renee, to Kenneth and Linda Waterbury, November 17, 1981, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

WHITCHER—To Roger and Marian Whitcher, a son, Matthew Clark, March 20, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

WINE—A daughter, Michelle Lynn, to Jim and Lindy Wine, March 16, 1982, Flagstaff, Arizona.

MARRIAGES

ARNO-STUBBLI. Margaret Arno and Stephen Stubli, December 5, 1981, Addison, Michigan.

BARRETT-BENTLEY. Pat Barrett and Lyn Bentley, March 26, 1982, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

DANIELS-WILSON. Della Daniels and Rick Wilson, January 16, 1982, Stanwood Friends, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

ELLINGTON-BREWSTER. Karen Ellington and Rick Brewster, December 5, 1981, Medford, Oregon.

HAMILTON-WATKINS. Denise Hamilton and Craig Watkins, March 18, 1982, Medford, Oregon.

SMITH-GULICK. Judy Smith and Christopher Gulick, February 13, 1982, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

SWINEHART-MEVEY. Jane Swinehart and Zane Mevey, February 20, 1982, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

THOMAS-DRUMMOND. Karen Thomas and Gerald Drummond, April 24, 1982, Derby, Kansas.

WOODWARD-GIBSON. June Marie Woodward and Darren Michael Gibson, March 20, 1982, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

DEATHS

BARNETT—Ethel Barnett, 85, March 20, 1982, Urbana, Ohio.

BOKELMAN—George Bokelman, 83, March 11, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

BUTLER—Mary S. Butler, 84, April 22, 1982, West Chehalis Friends, Newberg, Oregon.

CASEY—Lulu Casey, December 9, 1981, Glen Elder, Kansas.

CRANSTON—Faye Cranston, March 1982, Medford, Oregon.

GRAHAM—R. Frank Graham, August 29, 1981, Glen Elder, Kansas.

GREER—Helen Mae Greer, 68, April 26, 1982, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

HANLIN—Laura C. Hanlin, 100, March 11, 1982, Raisin Valley Friends, Adrian, Michigan.

HEADRICK—Denver B. Headrick, 87, a recorded minister at Nampa Extension Church, April 1, 1982, Caldwell, Idaho.

HOFFMAN—Juanita Hoffman, March 24, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

KAUER—C. E. "Jack" Kauer, April 14, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

PARKER—Ethel M. Parker, 87, March 9, 1982, Pleasant Plain Friends, Byers, Kansas.

PEARSON—Cecil E. Pearson, 83, March 24, 1982, Buffalo, New York.

ROBERTS—Howard A. Roberts, April 10, 1982, Fowler, Kansas.

THOMPSON—Howard M. Thompson, March 5, 1982, Glen Elder, Kansas.

WALLACE—Debbie Wallace, 27, March 24, 1982, Beloit, Ohio.

WEEKS—Millie E. Weeks, March 24, 1982, Ramona, Kansas.

YOUTH SEARCHING FOR VALUES

BY PAUL BOCK

WHAT DO you hold as precious? What is it that is all-important to you? When held in comparison with everything that fills your life, what is it that rises above the rest? These are your values. How did you come by these values? Did you read them in a book? A slight chance. Did you learn them in a class? Possibly. Were there significant people that related them to you? Very likely. Whatever people's values and however they came to adopt certain values, we can be sure that it didn't happen overnight. There was, and hopefully still is, a process involved.

Our young people also are in the midst of that process, the process of determining what is and what isn't valuable to them. The years from beginning adolescence to young adult are important years in the formation of values. This is the time when youth begin to think in concepts and start assimilating different thoughts and principles. Questions that never seemed important before now arise in searching minds. New groups of people take on roles of major influence. Growing social, academic, and financial responsibilities are placed on young people.

All these, and more, play a part in the development of values for youth. What the final results are will determine what direction a person will take for life. The values a young person accepts for himself will help in deciding what college to go to, or even if

college is desirable, what major to assume, whom to marry, what occupation to seek, where to live, what type of life-style to adopt, with whom to associate, how to spend leisure time, and eventually, how to rear children. Are values important? They certainly are!

One reason values play such an important role is because they act as, what Larry Richards calls, a "perceptual grid." He explains this in his book, *How I Can Make Decisions*. "Our values filter out the factors that don't seem important to us. And we tend to base our decisions on the factors that we see." We are amazed at how a mother can hear her infant crying in the midst of many other noises. This is because the welfare of her child is very valuable to her. Her value system filters out noises that are considered unimportant—the dryer, TV, lawn mower motor; she hears the baby's cry.

Teens do the same thing. The factors that are important to their value system come through loud and clear, but what isn't is filtered out. Stanley Milgram, a noted social psychologist, raises another theory that is closely related and pertinent, the theory of "overload." It is his thinking that when people receive an excess amount of stimuli their minds are overloaded. So a filtering process begins. Again, the factors that are important will be allowed through and less important factors filtered out.

Today's youth are being hit with more messages than ever before. They are receiving communication from home, school, church, friends, and in a more potent way than ever before, from the mass media. Some of these messages are getting through the overload and some are not. It all depends on the values.

So what are the values of America's youth that make up this grid?

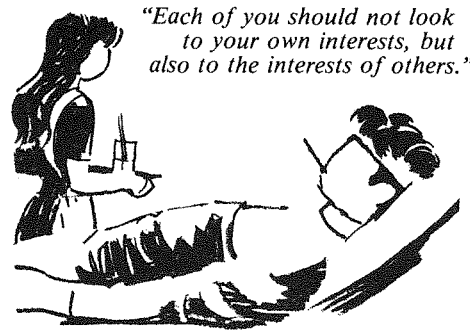
One way to find out would be by looking at the importance of labels. Here in

America we have one label for snow—snow. In the Eskimo culture there are over 20 different names for snow. Snow is highly important in their culture. It is directly involved in many areas of their lives.

In talking with a couple of high school people they named 18 different makes of jeans. Are jeans that important to the America youth culture? Not the jeans in and of themselves, the way the snow is for the Eskimos. But certain pairs of jeans possess the power of gaining acceptance for the wearer. That is, if the jeans have the right label in the right place. It is widely understood that acceptance is an important, if not the most important, value of young people.

Many times it is the seeking of acceptance that produces hours of hard work in the area of athletics. This value also results in many hours spent in front of a mirror, or paging through *Seventeen* magazine in search of coming fashions. Much money is spent on cars, clothing, and records in the attempt to gain acceptance. There are many different types of groups a person can attach himself to among his peers, but the final objective is acceptance.

As young people draw nearer to college, for many academics begin to take on a more important role. Some youth find this a means to notoriety, but this isn't the



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prevailing drive for academic accomplishment. Today's high school student is actively involved in the consideration of lifetime occupations. Education is an important factor in the acquiring of the desired occupation. Also, their occupational choice will greatly determine the life-style they will take on for themselves.

Most youth see themselves living very much the same way Mom and Dad lived, but they are beginning to understand that to do that is going to take a lot more money for them than it did for their parents. Thus, many young people are concerned with getting the right job in order to fulfill these future expectations. The possibility is strong that a lot of these youth will be disappointed. They realize that inflation is a mysterious monster that may devour them. In the last few years colleges such as Princeton and the University of California at Berkeley have reported a drop in students

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majoring in social-related fields and a definite increase in the areas of business and economics.

Acceptance and education, resulting in financial stability, are not evils when held in their proper place. But when too much emphasis is placed on these values, a grid could be formed that would filter out irreplaceable truths of the Gospel. The values mentioned above can be considered prevalent values of the youth culture, but teens represent only a subculture of the total American culture.

Why is the term *culture* so important? Culture is created when a group of people who have gathered together come to agreement on certain rules and standards that when put into practice produce acceptable behavior. Culture is the shared values, ideals, and standards of behavior, not simply the gathering of people. As a child grows he must be taught the agreed-upon rules and values of a society. This process is called enculturation. A child does not come to an understanding of his culture biologically, but socially. The culture must be learned.

In our culture kindness is a standard of behavior that has been agreed upon, and this is communicated to children at a very young age. When our two-year-old son bit his younger brother in the back, he quickly

health problems, social order and government, and child rearing. So as a child grows he is very aware of the role of religion in everyday life. Are our youth brought up in a similar way or are they taught a more categorized life-style?

DO THEY OBSERVE religious faith playing a vital role in the choosing of an occupation, the handling of money, the conduct of social relationships, the use of leisure time such as television viewing, and every other aspect of life? In short, are they sensitized to the spiritual? Christian youth should be. Scripture teaches that all things should be done in the name and to the glory of Christ Jesus. All aspects of life should be viewed as spiritual matters. If they were, then when faced with values of acceptance and money, young people would hold them up to the light of the Gospel. But somehow the connection isn't being made. Why?

A couple of examples may help in the gaining of understanding. When families are preparing to go to Sunday morning worship, what is the emphasis in the home? Is it preparation to worship the living God, or is it to make our appearance acceptable to others gathering for worship. Maybe it would be good for us to think about how we should prepare for worship and what we want to communicate to children through our preparation. An emphasis on gaining approval of physical appearance will communicate something very deep to our children.

When a paycheck is brought home, what is the value that is communicated? Do our children understand that every penny of that paycheck belongs to the Lord, and that whether that money is being given to the church or spent on other items, it is all done under the lordship of Christ and to His glory? Or do they perceive that we give God His dues, and then what's left is ours to spend as we see fit?

Again, acceptance and financial affairs are needed and play important roles in our lives, but when they are not clearly communicated in the context of scriptural values, our youth could form values that are lacking the truth that is revealed in the Word of God. Young people will then be making decisions using a perceptual grid that is weak on spiritual values and strong on the values of this world. That grid will filter out those things in the Gospel that don't stimulate their value system and allow to filter through those things that serve to support other adopted values.

It is at this point that many truths of the kingdom of God become hidden. Truths that are not easily found, for which one must search. Truths such as "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it." "Each of you should

not look to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' . . . But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

These truths would have a hard time breaking through a grid that emphasizes acceptance at high costs and material prosperity. Yet it is when these attitudes become owned that the owner steps into a deeper relationship with Christ.

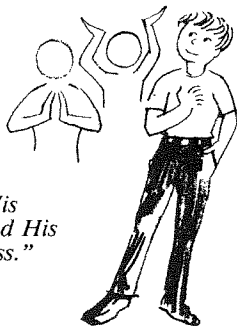
Not all youth today are caught up in the values discussed here. There are those who are being awakened by the grace of God and who are responding with submissive hearts to the call of Christ to break away from the crowd. There is being laid before them a path that will be difficult to walk but that will lead to joy and peace that this world can't offer. A path that will know a precious fellowship with Him who walked that path before them.

How can these young people be encouraged in their growing relationship with Christ? One of the major factors that will determine the depth of that walk will be the response of Christian parents. There are two basic responses to the young person who turns to Christ in unconditional obedience. First, there are parents whose hearts are filled with joy to see the Spirit work in the life of their son or daughter with such freedom. They encourage their young people and find themselves being stretched in their own faith.

Then, there are those parents who are threatened by their children's growth. Their own lack of focus on the Master is brought into the light produced by the lives of their children, and they draw back in shame. They may view their children as being a little radical and call for temperance in all things. But there is no temperance in following Christ, only a tenacity that knows no compromise.

THOMAS KELLY speaks to this concern in his book *A Testament of Devotion*, "Parents, if some of your children are seized with this imperative God-hunger, don't tell them to snap out of it and get a job, but carry them patiently in your love, or at least keep hands off and let the holy work of God proceed in their souls."

The values that youth are dealing with are going through rapid changes, resulting in more pressure-filled decisions. What are needed are consistent models that demonstrate life as lived according to biblical values. May God grant those in leadership positions—parents, teachers, pastors, and others—the grace to live and communicate a life built on the solid foundation of His truth.



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found out that his behavior didn't match up to an agreed-upon cultural rule. This standard of kindness will be continually reinforced upon his thinking as he matures. This is one example of enculturation. So when a young person enters the "youth culture" he is taking 12 years of previously acquired enculturation with him. It seems acceptable, then, that the standards, ideals, and values that a young person has acquired up to the point of adolescence will greatly determine his reaction to the new values with which he is faced.

So why is it that when youth enter adolescence they are quickly taken in by the values of the youth culture?

Anthropologists who study other cultures are intrigued with the way people from more "primitive" cultures interweave their religion into all aspects of their lives. Their religion plays an important role in the supplying of food for the family, dealing with

SHALL PAC-MAN BE PRAISED?



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THE AGE of electronic games has (unmercifully) arrived, now surrounding us with crunching, pinging, and points of colored light exploding across TV screens. I'm almost accustomed to being accosted at every turn by Pac-Man, Defenders, and their silicon-chip kin. But the blips and beeps that answer the sound of dropping quarters raise old questions with new force. What purpose do recreation and leisure serve? Which amusements or activities best serve that purpose?

Friends have long recognized the usefulness of leisure and recreation in restoring our physical and spiritual health, in adjusting our perspective on life, and in increasing our joy in living. These are wonderful gifts from God, who knows also of laughter and sport and rest.

The question, then, that comes to us is not whether recreation is okay, but which activities to choose. Contemporary society urges on us an ever-expanding array of recreational choices—sports, crafts, music, theater, travel, nature activities, and much more. Some activities will serve us better than others, so we need to be wise in choosing. After all, our recreation, like all of life, is part of our devotion to God.

A query from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's *Faith and Practice* (1972) suggests an approach and gives specific counsel:

"Do you choose recreations which will strengthen the physical, mental, and spiritual life of yourself and your family, and do you avoid those that may be a hindrance to you and to others?"

This is a searching question, one that could become a wise and friendly guide. Other questions also may help. For example:

"Is this activity consistent with the wise and responsible use of my time, energy, and resources?" As New England Friends note in their *Faith and Practice*, recreational activities should not dominate one's life, demanding more of our time or money than is appropriate. Yet in any hobby, wise stewardship may easily be forgotten.

PHOTOGRAPHERS collect lenses, filters, and gadgets of all sorts. Fishermen are tempted perpetually by a better rod (this year it's boron), a craftier lure, and bigger boxes in which to put their accumulated treasures. Some are so enchanted by the out-of-doors—camping, skiing, hiking—that they rarely find their way to worship with other Christians when their sport is in season. Each activity has its own temptations to excess. Yet Christian responsibility requires that nothing claim a disproportionate part of our lives.

"Does this activity increase life or diminish life? Does it restore or destroy?" Some types of recreation rejuvenate the body and help recharge the spirit. Others dissipate our physical energies and diminish our spiritual vitality. We feel a dull emptiness or cheapening for having participated in them. Recreation helps shape who we are, so we would be wise to judge whether our activities build us up or tear us down.

"Does this activity express the image of God in me? Among other things, does it allow me to be a whole person and to relate to others in love? Does it encourage the expression of the immense God-given capacity to create?" Our activities should not demean us but should instead allow the image of God in humankind to be showcased.

"Does this activity honor God? Does it direct me back to God in praise?" From tennis to gardening, from cooking to singing, all of this can be done in a way that honors God and allows us to discover in it a spirit of praise. Activities that restrict in any way our wholehearted delight in God should be shunned. The rest can be undertaken with great gladness.

Leisure and recreation are wonderful gifts of God. Through wise choice, and for our good, let's learn to receive them with joy.

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