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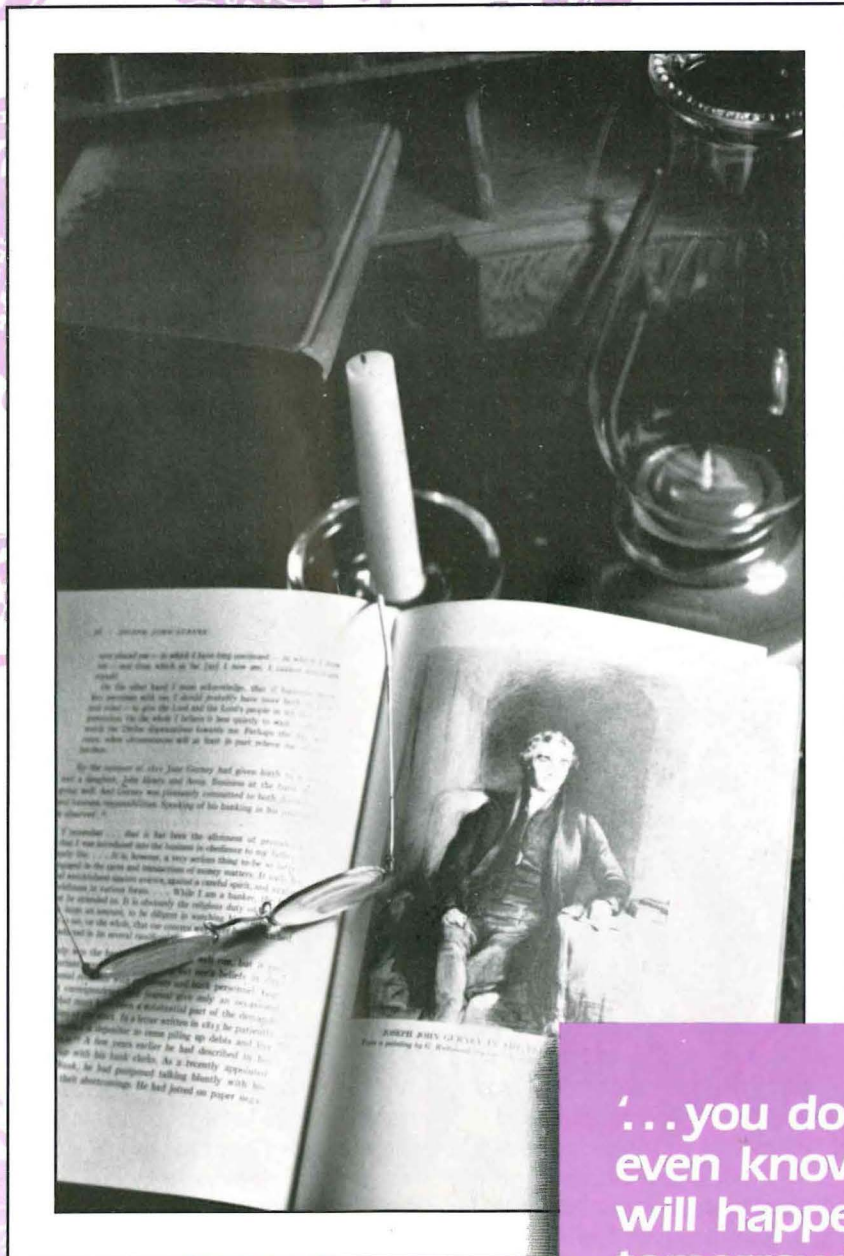
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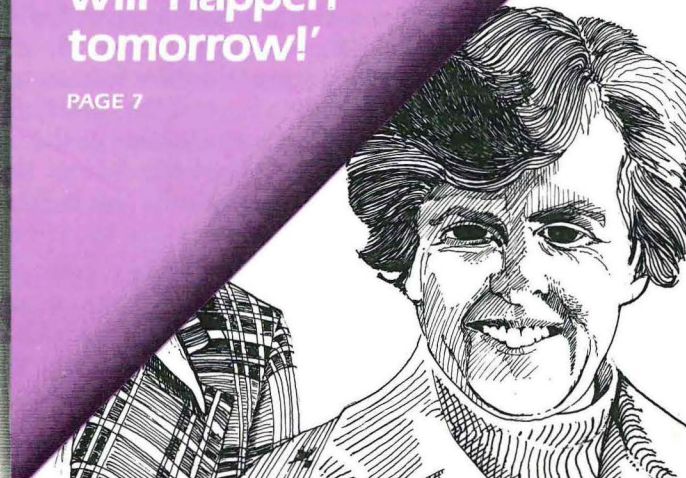
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JOSEPH JOHN GURNEY

An admiring view from a British Quaker

BY JOHN PUNSHON

THE BANKER, philanthropist, and Quaker minister Joseph John Gurney was born at Earlham Hall, near Norwich, on August 2, 1788. His sister, Elizabeth Fry, became one of the most influential Quakers ever, and is widely known beyond the Society of Friends. He is known among American Quakers as the inspiration of a great revival that changed the face of the Society there, but in the land of his birth, he is remembered scarcely at all.

Gurney was a great evangelical of a great generation, and was actively interested in all the usual causes. Though his ancestors had suffered for their Quaker convictions, the wealth that came to his family through its

textile and banking interests placed him in the front rank of East Anglican provincial society. There is every indication that he enjoyed this position and took it seriously. While the texture and quality of his Quaker garb belied the simplicity it was supposed to express, there is little doubt that his inward life was rigorous and austere.

He followed the usual evangelical disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, and journal writing. He sought to be useful to the wider community when traveling as a Quaker minister. He was an active fund-raiser and organizer for the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Anti-Slavery Society, and Norwich Lancasterian school. He was involved in the peace movement and was a total

abstainer. Above all, he was his sister's constant supporter and a tireless advocate of humane prison reform in his own right.

He is therefore characteristic of the wealthy evangelicalism of his day, but his style and temperament were perhaps less suited to Quakerism than Methodism or Anglicanism. There has always been a conservative streak in the Society of Friends and Gurney crossed it. At a time when antislavery agitation and many similar philanthropic concerns were drawing Quakers out of their social and spiritual ghetto, Gurney sensed the need for a theological foundation for this development. His major work, *Observations on the Religious Peculiarities of the Religious Society of Friends* (1824), marks the real ascendancy of evangelical thought in London Yearly Meeting and set the pattern for Quaker apologetics in England down to the end of the nineteenth century.

Nevertheless, Gurney's emphatic biblicism caused much heart searching when he sought permission to travel as a minister in the United States with the official approval of the authorities of the Yearly Meeting in 1837. Beneath the then dominant evangelical tone of English Quakerism lay an older more traditional religious sensibility—mystical, quietist, conservative in its attitudes toward the use of Scripture, doubtful of the rightness of ecumenical cooperation, and fearful that an over-emphasis on theological speculation would be destructive of faith in the Inward Christ.

The conflict inherent in these views never led to serious schisms in England like the one American Quakerism had experienced after 1827, when the evangelical, or "Orthodox," and the traditional, or "Hicksite," communities separated from one another. It was to the Orthodox that Gurney traveled, and it was partly because of his preaching that a further schism took place among the Orthodox shortly after his visit. As a result, a large evangelical grouping came into existence, swelled later by converts from the frontier revivals. These Quakers came to be known as "Gurneyites."

This is now the majority tradition in American and world Quakerism as a consequence of revivalism at home and mission work abroad. Its churches call pastors and have programmed meetings for worship, its connections extend from Kenya to Bolivia and Taiwan, and it shades in places from a recognizable Quakerism to a variety of mainstream Protestantism. Gurney's legacy to his Society is thus profound, though now invisible in the silent liberal

meetings of his homeland. But if we brushed the dust from the windowpane, what might we see?

First, the importance of evangelicals like Gurney in leading the early nineteenth-century Society of Friends out of isolation and decline. The Quaker peculiarities of that time prevented ecumenical or, indeed, any organized work for human improvement. The reputation for philanthropy later acquired by Friends is anchored as securely in evangelical values as Quaker tradition. Though unpalatable in some quarters, this fact needs emphasis because it is largely overlooked.

Christians place supreme value on the individual precisely because of the Gospel of personal salvation, not in spite of it. Those like Gurney, who transformed English

society for the better in the nineteenth century, had a great vision of what individuals could become. To place reliance on protest and political processes alone is to depart from clearly religious values, and thereby to lose the spiritual dynamic upon which a religious community must depend. Evangelicals, by and large, need to learn the realities of progressive politics; progressives need to learn the lessons of faith.

This in turn implies biblical rectitude. The neglect of Scripture among the Quakers of Gurney's day had led to Bible teaching that was little more than proof texting for the Quaker peculiarities. Gurney appreciated that the selective use of Scripture leads to a distortion of Christian truth, and an antidote is necessary for

both the tyranny of tradition and the seductions of novelty. It was in Scripture that he sought this balance, and it is still there waiting to be found.

Finally, there is a reminder of the conflict in Gurney himself, between his loyalty to his own denomination and the ecumenical impulses that arose from his evangelical convictions. He was a Friend first and foremost, and many contemporaries were unable to see that he carried the cross in the strictest Quaker tradition. Nevertheless, he also knew that indiscriminating denominationalism can impede a larger vision of the riches of the Gospel and that each church holds its portion of the greater truth in trust for all. It is part of the greatness of Gurney that he recognized this, and it is our loss that his endeavors to that end are not better known. **EF**

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To Clap or Not to Clap

BY LON FENDALL

IT CAN be very helpful to see ourselves as others see us, to benefit from the perspective of someone who shares many of our values but doesn't assume that everything has to remain the way it is. This was the case when a friend of mine, who is not affiliated with one of our yearly meetings, attended some of our worship services and encountered a practice that was surprising and more than a little disturbing. He was startled when people in these sessions applauded after musical numbers and messages.

This friend's observations connected with my own misgivings about this practice. On the one hand, it seems to turn a ministry into a performance to have people applaud as they would at a concert, a play, or an athletic event. On the other hand, it makes me wonder whether my distaste for applause in a worship setting is a product of my quiet Quaker background, or whether I have a sound spiritual basis for my preference.

One of the sources of tension in our Quaker past has been our tendency to adopt the practices of our fellow Christians, regardless of their consistency with our own understanding of propriety in worship. One of the prime examples was the gradual adoption of most of the standard features of Protestant worship—music, sermons, orders of service, even “altar calls.” Some Quakers were greatly disturbed by these trends. Quakers just don't do things that way, they argued.

Undoubtedly the practice of showing appreciation with applause comes from our worshiping with fellow believers who don't share our quiet approach to worship. These evangelicals feel it is quite appropriate to show appreciation in an overt way. They sometimes explicitly indicate that the praise is being directed to the Lord, who gives the ability to sing or speak, that it is not meant to elevate the person or to treat the ministry as a performance.

But my question isn't solved by explaining the source of this practice. What does the Holy Spirit say to us today about such things? Are we influenced by the thought our Quaker ancestors would be horrified at such practices and some of our Quaker cousins today would never think of clapping in a worship gathering?

There is not a clear biblical case to be made for or against applause. Some people resort to such vague and general verses as 1 Corinthians 14:40, which directs that things be done “decently and in order” in worship services. The context relates to the confusion resulting from the inappropriate use of ecstatic utterances or “tongues.” I doubt that the verse is much help on the applause question.

There are some wonderful passages in the Old Testament that identify clapping as a natural expression of the joy of the Lord. One has been used in a beautiful anthem, “Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.” (Psalm 47:1) Another of my favorites is Isaiah 55:12: “You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.” As beautiful as the passage is, it doesn't really say much about appropriate behavior in worship, though. Recognizing that the creation expresses praise to God is not the same as determining that clapping is fine in a worship service.

SO WHERE does that leave us? I don't know of Scripture passages that more specifically address the question, but there are some general guidelines. One has to do with finding the balance between awe-filled solemnity and exuberant praise. Both are appropriate responses to God, who is both magnificent and wonderfully loving and good. All solemnity and no exuberance turns worship into a poor reflection of the inexpressible goodness of God. All exuberance and no solemnity

cheapens the recognition of God's greatness into a pep rally.

Another guideline has to do with the focus of the applause or other expression of appreciation. Does it primarily express praise to God, the source of the talent and the enabler of any genuine ministry? Or does it unduly call attention to the human dimension, in other words the performance aspects of what has occurred. Moreover, does the one ministering count on the applause for affirmation and recognition? Would they be hurt if no one felt inclined to clap?

Clapping is difficult to regulate, even when you have decided it is not the thing to do. Even if most of the people in a particular gathering would prefer not to applaud, it only takes a few to start it and others feel obligated to join in. If they don't, it seems like people are unappreciative and cold.

WHAT is the solution for evangelical Friends? I'm not sure I have one. It probably needs to be discussed within the local churches and among the leaders of yearly meetings and quarterly meetings or area gatherings. Applause need not be seen as a horrible affront to God, if it is intended as praise to the Lord, the giver of gifts and talents. But we should not get in the habit of doing it, just because it is normally done in other settings. Pastors, speakers, and musicians should not fall into the trap of trying to draw out applause or even “Amen,” to prove that they are doing well. Whatever service we render should be directed to the glory of God, not the response of human listeners. We should protect the solemnity of worship. It should not be difficult to distinguish between a rock concert and a worship service.

But let's admit the pride that arises in connection with doing things the way we've always done them. To clap or not to clap may not be the crucial question. It may be more important to ask if the Holy Spirit is directing our worship, producing both awe-filled quietness and joyous praise. If even the trees in the forest must clap at times, that might be true for us as well. But most of the time the trees just stand there as a quiet witness to the Lord's greatness. ■

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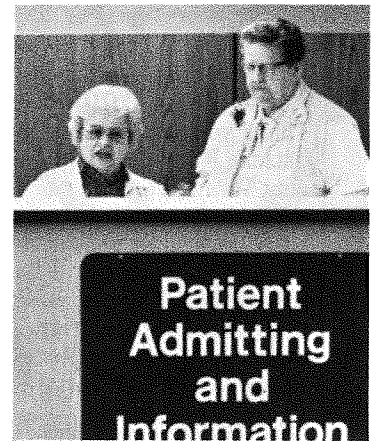
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Prominent Women

Thank you for your fine article in EVANGELICAL FRIEND, "Where are the Prominent Women?"

I have appreciated your other articles, but was especially pleased to see such an article written by one with your sensitivity. The Friends historically have been ahead of other evangelical groups in placing women in leadership. You can be very pleased with this precedent.

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Your article is well done and addresses a serious issue. Thank you for giving thoughts and leadership in this area.

FLORA ALLEN
Newberg, Oregon

Gift Lasts 37 Years

One of our neighbors here in Quaker Gardens is Miss Sara Wade Ratcliff. She was our neighbor for seven years in Quaker Haven, Whittier, after we retired from our mission work in Central America, where Sara was a Friends missionary for 27 years, and where Esther, my wife, and I had the privilege of serving under the Board of Missions of California Yearly Meeting for 36 years, so we were neighbors in Guatemala and Honduras also.

While living in Ocotepaque, Honduras, one day, while handing out tracts and evangelizing from house to house, an English-speaking gentleman greeted Miss Ratcliff on the street and asked what she was doing. She told him of her missionary work for California Friends. He told her that he too was a Friend and asked for her address. That

was in 1951. Since then she has been receiving the EVANGELICAL FRIEND as a gift from this Friend whose name she cannot remember. It has continued to reach her in all the different parts of Honduras and Guatemala where she ministered, has followed her to Whittier, California, and now to Stanton, California, where Quaker Gardens is located!

Sara Wade Ratcliff, at 77 years of age and with poor eyesight, finds letter writing difficult, so asked me to tell you that she greatly appreciates having received the EVANGELICAL FRIEND all these 37 years and that she still enjoys it. She shares it with us and with others. She says, "THANK YOU, and may God bless you!"

JOHN ASTLEFORD
Stanton, California

Irish Friends Send Greetings

As we had our evening meal (in Wichita, Kansas) and during the evening we chatted regarding our homes, meetings, faith, etc., we found a common bond in our love for Jesus Christ! It was so uniting as before going to bed we sat around and had a time of Scripture reading and prayer. I went to bed so happy in the unity and fellowship we had in our living faith together.

Y.M. (Mid-America) started on August 4 after lunch and it was as usual a lovely introduction where everybody seemed so glad to be meeting each other, possibly after a years absence. Although I was a complete stranger, one good thing about Y.M.s is that the first session usually is the welcoming time, when visiting Friends' minutes are read, along with those of representatives. This immediately broke the ice and many came and spoke to me afterwards telling me of their family connections in Ireland, also telling of Friends who have come from that area but are now living in Ireland.

This evening one of the local pastors spoke and at the conclusion a Friend impressed me, who before making a very simple prayer related that we ought to ask God expecting an answer.

We had a visit from five very talented young singers who preceded what to me was the highlight of the Y.M., when we

had a report of the work in Houston from Leon Spivey, a pastor there who I think only about four years ago found Friends. He is now doing an amazing work among the down-and-out in his home district and is seeing souls brought out of sin into the light of the Gospel as found in Jesus Christ. This was a meeting I shall never forget.

We concluded our U.S. stay with a combination holiday and visit among Friends in Oregon. We got a warm welcome everywhere we went and we felt the power of the Holy Spirit present as we shared in the vocal ministry at different places. God blessed us and sent us home renewed and recharged to continue to tell of His love to all His children in any and every situation.

George Fox said the Gospel he preached was universal, covering every circumstance and every person. Can I say at this point that the experience of my 10-week stay in America as a Quaker experience has only been superceded by the reality in my own life of the Quaker message and what God can do for someone such as me when Jesus Christ gets a free hand.

The method that early Friends used in spreading the message, that is, through the traveling ministers, is not very

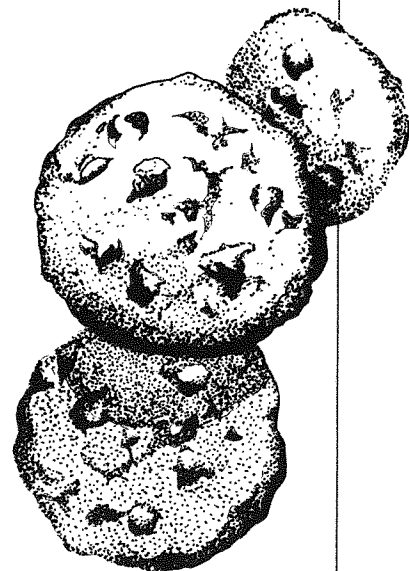
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apparent nowadays in the British Isles and possibly on your side of the Atlantic also. In furthering this thought, may I say if you know of anyone from your Y.M.s coming our way who would share with us for a time, please let me know.

In closing, may I ask you to express our appreciation for the kindness received from Friends all over the U.S.

CHARLES AND EMMA LAMB
Cloughan, Armagh, Northern Ireland

The Patient with the Smile on Her Face



BY MARJORIE CRISMAN

BAKING chocolate chip cookies that Thursday morning, January 28, 1988, I thought, "Oh good! If I can just get through class this afternoon I won't have to teach again until Monday."

Thursday was "treat day" for my Bible class of eighth graders in the Christian school where I teach. After the freedom of lunch hour, they entered my classroom each day, excited about boy and girl friends, after-school activities, clothes, appearance, basketball, choir. Corraling their interest and making the Bible relevant to their young lives was a constant challenge.

I found myself almost dreading class time. Each day I prayed for wisdom beyond my own. These youngsters were lovable; I would have enjoyed being their friend and counselor. But coping with behavior problems, enforcing disciplinary

rules—these were taking the joy out of teaching.

I had no premonition on that ordinary school day that within the hour God would grant my wish to be released from teaching responsibilities.

It happened suddenly, halfway through class: pain so severe and engulfing that I grabbed for a chair to steady myself. Barely able to gather belongings, I gave hurried instructions and escaped from the room. At the foot of the stairway I collapsed, unable to climb, until a student came to my rescue.

From school to home was a five-minute trip, in a friend's car. As I fell on the sofa, still wearing my coat, my husband looked on with alarm. This "flu" had struck me so fast, he was thinking. There had been no warning signs. I was a healthy adult, enjoying a "fitness life style." But lying

sprawled, pain spreading from shoulder blades down both arms, I began to realize the source of the burning, tingling sensations from shoulders to wrist was my heart.

Then began a rapid-fire series of events. First we hurried to our family doctor, who looked briefly at the EKG and called the paramedics. An ambulance ride to the local hospital followed, with treatment in the emergency room, while waiting for Heart Flight. Loaded into the helicopter, we took the choppy 35-mile ride to Spokane Medical Center, landing on the roof. Everything was in readiness in the emergency room.

When an attempt at angioplasty to open the clogged artery by inserting and inflating a balloon failed, the cardiologist turned to my husband for permission to use "aggressive measures." "Do what-

ever you need to," was Clynton's quick reply.

Flat on the gurney, rolling down the lighted hall toward surgery, I looked up into the faces of my loving husband, friends, doctors, and nurses. Medical attendants wondered, and commented later, on the calmness of "the patient with the smile on her face."

My memory of the days following the emergency bypass surgery is hazy and blurred. What a relief to have the throat tube removed after 24 hours and to be able to speak! A nurse, Ed, never left my bedside during his twelve-hour shift the

45-minute car ride comfortable. Entering the door I found the ground floor office transformed into a bedroom by my thoughtful husband. There were a bed, recliner chair, and even a new TV with remote control. Last summer's remodeling had added a half-bath to our utility room, so climbing stairs was unnecessary.

Eight days of being pampered! Meals were brought in by our church women every night. All were careful to provide low-fat, low-salt foods. If only my appetite could match the quantity!

All too soon the period of smooth recuperation ended, abruptly. On Tues-

looked keenly at Clynton and then at me. "Do you understand?" he questioned, as if talking to a child. "There will be a two-day interval before the new medication begins to take effect."

Wanting the Lord's will in my life had been my daily desire since I was a teenager. Now I had no wish to back off from this commitment, even in the face of death. However, as soon as the doctor left the room, my husband's half-humorous, half-serious remark to me was, "There's no way I'm going to let you be promoted before me!"

Extreme weakness was my chief sensation. Lacking strength even to pray, I simply lay back in the arms of the Lord and let Him hold me. Isaiah 40:11 came as a personal promise: "He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart." Age-wise I knew myself to be "an old ewe," but His tender care wrapped me as if I were the weakest of lambs. I was being carried, not having to walk, or even stand, close to my Shepherd's heart.

On Sunday afternoon I asked for the church elders, and they came—a wonderful group of men! Surrounding my bed, each one voiced a prayer. In the small prayer chapel their wives were gathered, praying also. I called for the women to come in; there were hugs all around, and God's presence was real.

Now restored to health, in retrospect I wonder, "Did He have a purpose in allowing this unexpected slow-down in my busy schedule as pastor's wife?"

I don't know the complete answer, but I do know this: Indelibly stamped on my mind, affecting every decision, are these words from James 4:13, 14: "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why you do not even know what will happen tomorrow!"

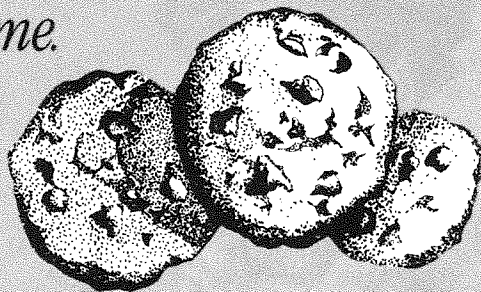
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UPDATE:

On October 14, 1988, my husband, Clynton, underwent open heart surgery for five bypasses, in the same hospital, Spokane's Sacred Heart Medical Center, with the same surgeon and cardiologist as had attended me eight and a half months before. Now, with roles reversed, I watched by his bedside. His recovery has been rapid, and the two of us are enjoying daily walks together. Continually we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the healing he has brought. We have decided to call 1988 "The Year of the Heart." ■■

Marjorie Crisman lives in Hayden Lake, Idaho, where her husband Clynton is associate pastor at Hayden Lake Friends Church.

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first night. The next day, moved to the Intensive Care Unit, another nurse, Peter, demonstrated great care and compassion.

Constant discomfort kept me from peaceful sleep. Once, after looking at the big clock on the wall, I closed my eyes and slept for what seemed like hours. Opening my eyes, I found the clock's hands had moved only five minutes. Three days of pain were made bearable by sedatives, and then it was time to progress to Intermediate Care.

And there were our children! Trying to mask their concern, smiling, they came to my bedside. Cards came streaming in, from across the United States and as far away as Saudi Arabia. Loving letters and a huge Valentine poster from my eighth graders expressed their concern. Flowers and plants made my hospital room a fragrant garden. Phone callers assured me of the prayers going to the Father on my behalf. Many said, "I've put you on our church's prayer chain." What a wealth of friends! With this realization came wonder; how could so many care about *me*?

Progress! Moved to a private room, I began the therapy of hall walking, and attended classes on diet and methods of increasing strength.

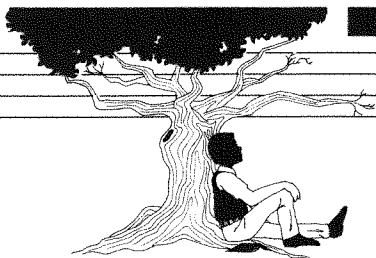
Monday, February 8—Going-home day! A bed in the back seat made the

day, February 16, there came a deep soreness in the calf and thigh of my right leg—blood clot! And it was back to the hospital, this time to Kootenai Medical Center to be under the care of a local cardiologist. Room 338 in the Coronary Care Unit became my "home," and walking, begun in the halls of Sacred Heart, came to a halt. Immobilized, fitted with a heart monitor, I lay still, breathing oxygen.

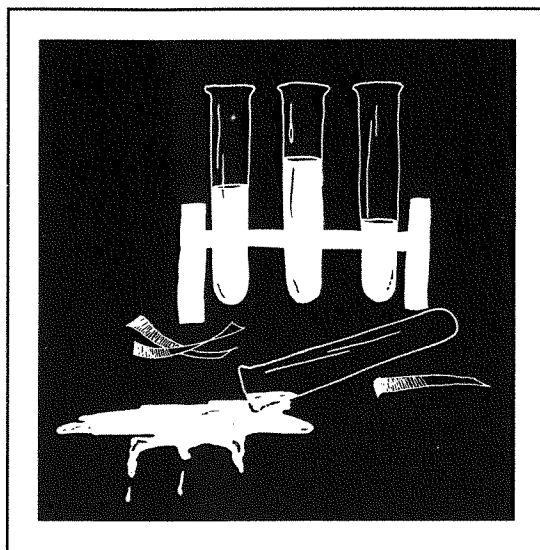
Lying in bed, again I committed my life to the Lord, wondering if He might be planning to take it after all, as blood clots continued to develop in heart and lungs. One night I woke with excruciating chest pain, quickly alleviated by an injection of morphine. With that blessed relief, I joked, "It wouldn't be hard to become an addict!"

A blood thinner, Heparin, was being injected daily. Nothing new. There had been a Heparin lock in my wrist during the first hospital stay. Why then should the platelet count be dropping fast, about to go out of sight? An allergy to the medication was the diagnosis. Now there was to be a transfer to the oral blood thinner, Coumadin.

"Taking you off Heparin will be life-threatening," the hematologist warned. Perhaps expecting a reaction of fear, he



Litmus Test



BY CHARLES MYLANDER

NO ONE grows up saying, "When I get big, I'm going to join a cult!"

Yet thousands each year are drawn into heretical sects as diverse as the Moonies and the Mormons.

With the dozens of varieties of cults and all the different Christian denominations, how can a Christian know what is true and what is not? Is there a simple litmus test? The answer is yes.

Using "Christian" in the broadest sense of the term, all Protestants, all Catholics, and all Orthodox churches agree on three things. Believe it or not, all cults disagree about these same three things.

1. **The Trinity.** All Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox Christians agree that the one God is composed of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From the beginning, through all time and to the end, God is three persons in one Godhead.

All cults disagree. In one way or another cult groups foul up the Trinity. They deny it, change it, time-lapse it, divide it, or pervert it.

Believe in the Trinity and you grapple with a mystery beyond full human com-

prehension. Deny the Trinity and you find a phony answer that leads to delusion.

2. **Jesus Christ.** All Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox believers agree that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, both at the same time. He is God incarnate—the Son of God and God the Son.

All cults disagree. They make Jesus all God and not human, or only human and not God. Or they make Him a creature, born or created at some point in space and time. Or they follow a different Jesus—a spirit with no body, or a good moral teacher who is not really God in human flesh. Even if you feel bewildered by all these options, mark it as a rule—all cults foul up who our Lord Jesus Christ really is.

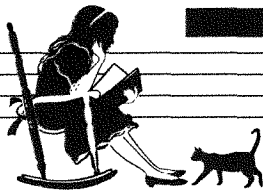
3. **The Bible.** All Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox disciples believe the Bible is God's inspired book, the Scriptures. (Catholics add the Apocrypha but do not deny the rest of the Bible as God's written Word.) While interpretations of Scripture vary enormously, all true Christians believe God inspired the Bible.

Without exception, cults add to, subtract from, deny, or grossly misinterpret the Bible. They add some "inspired" book or teachings from their leaders, change the text of the Bible, or jump from verse to verse taking truths out of context to "prove" a misguided point. The result is confusion and deception. Cult leaders do not like to study straight through books of the New Testament, taking God's revealed truth in context.

Confused about cults? Come to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Commit yourself to Him as Lord and Savior. Submit to His authority in your life and to the leadership of those who teach the great truths of Christianity with humility and accuracy. Beware of those who teach that God or salvation is within ourselves rather than in a crucified and resurrected Lord.

Cults are not hard to discern if you know what to look for. The best way to spot a counterfeit is to know extremely well what is genuine.

Teach your children and your grandchildren to look before they leap. The end result is the difference between truth and error, heaven and hell. **EF**



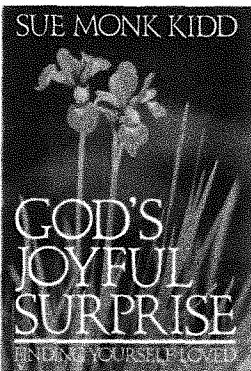
God's Joyful Surprise

Sue Monk Kidd

Harper & Row, 257 pages, hardback, \$13.95

Sue Monk Kidd is described as "one of today's most promising young Christian writers," and after reading this excellent book, I find myself already eager for her next book (hoping she has one in the works). This is no frothy, shallow self-help book. It's full of rich meat to nourish the soul and spirit.

Throughout her growing-up years and on into adulthood, Sue Monk Kidd found herself trying to be the "super-person" in everything she did. Then, most unexpectedly, God allowed circumstances to cause her to take a serious look at her life. In doing so, she discovered a new awareness of God and His ever-present love. Gradually her life took on new focus and depth.



The concepts the writer discovered in her own journey into God's love and shares practically and realistically with her readers are not just theoretical ideas, but are founded upon Scripture. She quotes liberally from classic writers, including Richard Foster and other Quakers.

All Christians will find this well-written and interesting book helpful. Young mothers or anyone striving to be "all things to all people" should consider reading this a *must* for this year!

—Betty M. Hockett

When Helping You Is Hurting Me: Escaping the Messiah Trap

Carmen Renee Berry

Harper & Row, 130 pages, hardback \$12.95

This book explores many false motivations for service. Christians who remember the Bible exhortation, "Nobody should seek his own good but the good of others" (1 Corinthians 10:24 NIV), may at first be puzzled by the title and theme of the book. One needs to carefully find the perspective of the

author and understand the nuance of the word "messiah" as it is defined by the author. Even so, the author makes sweeping assertions that may insult honest "helpers." Perhaps she does not examine sufficiently the pure motivations for self-sacrificing service.

Formerly serving on the staff of Azusa Pacific University, Carmen Berry is presently assistant director of the Southern California Training Center for Child Sexual Abuse Treatment and resource coordinator for the Marshall Resource Center at Children's Institute International in Los Angeles. As a therapist, she writes of her own personal journey as an addictive "helper" who with an almost-martyr-complex had to help others and cover over her own needs, giving "comfort," while neglecting personal pain and family relationships.

The "Messiah complex," she explains, is one that burdens many people—professional, as well as homemakers, students, and senior adults. The author has observed this complex in many persons who have unhealed childhood injury that they unconsciously wish to forget or redeem. Anyone, however, with an exaggerated sense of being indispensable accompanied by a very low self-esteem may be caught in the trap, not setting "self-protective limits." The many case studies aid a layman in understanding this "Messiah Trap" and how to escape it.

The book can be of benefit to Christian readers who sincerely want to be sacrificial servants, but who do not wish to be "burned out" and hopeless in their service. If they cannot agree with all the conclusions and if they do not feel they fit into the different listed categories, they may profit from the self-examination that the book urges.

The author's personal testimony in the preface makes the book especially valuable. She writes: "I would like to express gratitude to God, from whom I experience a love that transforms my life.... I have felt myself being moved forward by God's love, toward healing, the enjoyment of life, and an enlarged capacity for intimacy. In my darkest moments, I sense His presence."

—Phyllis Cammack

Arab and Jew

David K. Shipler

Times Books, 556 pages, hardback \$22.50

This is the saddest book I have read in a long time, if not the saddest ever. Its subtitle indicates what is coming: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land. And its last chapter, entitled "The Dream," the account of a small effort to promote some understanding between Israeli and Palestinian young people, ends with the words "seeds sown in the brass earth."

Shipler, with the *New York Times* for 22 years and Bureau Chief in Jerusalem for 8 years, now in this Pulitzer Prize-winning book tells us of the experiences and thoughts and feelings and lives of mostly small people who live in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. It is a story of what Arab and Jew are suffering. It is the suffering that tears at one's heart.

Here are some of his insights. "Israel has never resolved the contradiction inherent in having an Arab population in a 'Jewish state.'" A 1980 survey found that 64 percent of Israeli Arabs wanted simply to live in Israel with equal rights. But of course this is exactly what the Israelis cannot allow if they are to remain a Jewish state. Sometimes the "lines of discrimination are blurred. Hands reach out through the vacuum, and touch." To Israelis' credit: after the massacres in the refugee camps 400,000 Israelis demonstrated against that action (1 in every 10); nothing like that ever occurred in the U.S. after My Lai. "The United States Agency for International Development, which for years had funneled more than a billion dollars annually from American taxpayers into the Israeli treasury, also resisted funding the program to promote peaceful coexistence between the Arabs and Jews of Israel." And finally there is "Golda Meir's comment that she could forgive the Arabs for what they had done to Jews but could never forgive them for what they had made Jews do to Arabs."

Friends, I think, should be especially empathetic with the mutual hurting and being hurt of the Arabs and Jews in the Promised Land.

—Lauren King

You can have **SUBSTANCE** *not just* *form!*

BY RICHARD O. BEZEK

THE TRAGEDY of our time is that many of the people who consider that they are following God are following the form rather than the substance of a Christian life.

The Form of Christianity

Similar to the activities that fill most of the week such as family life, job requirements, social activities and recreation, church functions and church programs rather than spiritual growth fill the time that many people dedicate to the church. The church is recognized as the place where time is set aside to draw one's attention to God. However, in the activities that flow from family and work life right into the church setting, our focus is often drawn away from the essential aspect of church life—spiritual growth through knowing and obeying the Creator. The feeling of accomplishment from meeting the organizational and program needs of the church becomes an unrecognized substitute for the personal walk with Jesus Christ that God intends for our lives.

The Substance of Christianity

When presented with the choice of life's physical and

spiritual essentials, Jesus gave clear direction. As Jesus was traveling, He entered a village and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. As Martha went about serving the guests, her sister Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His teachings. When Martha questioned, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone?" (Luke 10:40) Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only a few things are necessary, really only one, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41, 42) Jesus was referring to belief in Him and His message as the one essential of life. Mary recognized the Master, and according to Jesus, Mary was doing the right thing with her time. She was pursuing God by learning from the words of the Lord.

Building a Life of Substance

The most meaningful aspect of life, our relationship with God and those individuals He created, is made whole through our commitment to seeking after Him. An excellent example of the way God

would have us live is given in Luke 6:46-49. In this passage regarding two house builders, the person who heard God's words and put what he learned into practice is likened to a builder who built his house on a foundation of rock. Life's "storms" had no permanent effect on the house of this builder.

In contrast, the person who heard God's words and did not obey them is likened to a builder who did not dig a foundation, but built his house on the sand. This builder's house crumbled as life's storms were experienced. In essence, God would have us replace our human nature with His nature as we build our faith by obedience to His Word. With a spiritually mature nature, the "storms" of life take on proper perspective and their diminished effect produces endurance and, miraculously, increased faith!

Each day we perform a long succession of work and duties for our family, our occupation, and our society. With so much need to expend energy on the details of life, it is little wonder that time for the One who created us slips into the background and tends to dissolve by the

end of each hectic day. Yet the most important aspect of our life, a oneness with the Creator, requires that time be allocated to knowing Him.

Jesus provided a clear example of the importance of knowing God. By the age of twelve, His understanding of the Old Testament and God's design astonished even the doctors in the Temple with whom He talked. Knowing and living God's word is substance! So much so that Jesus further compared it to a rock and told Peter that he possessed this rock-like characteristic. Jesus stated that His Church would be built upon those who were like Peter.

Finally, this life of substance is the only life that will bring fulfillment. The relationship of creature with Creator is the means for us to complete our being and thereby have happiness in this life. Think about this! **EF**

Richard O. Bezek is a member of First Friends Church, Canton, Ohio.

A Worship-feast of Silence & Sharing

BY DAVID JAQUITH

I BELIEVE there is great value in the idea of distinguishing between silent worship and open sharing.

Specifically, I think it would be a great advance in our Sunday morning services if whoever is in charge would, when the time comes for it, let the people know it is the time for *silent* worship. They could then explain that following silent worship there will be a time of *open sharing*, wherein anyone who feels led of the spirit to speak may do so.

For most regular attenders this may be generally understood and such explanation is not needed. Often, though, when "open worship" time comes, someone will speak after only a few moments' quiet (I've done it myself, not knowing better), then others, the ice having been broken, will immediately follow suit. Sometimes this eliminates the silent time entirely.

Then there is the confusion (not conducive to worship of any kind) that can come when the question arises, should I speak now or wait? Will I be disturbing someone's silent worship? I suspect even the seasoned worshiper may at times struggle with this.

Then too there is the case, probably all-too-common, of the person who has a true "burden" to share with the body that particular morning. Open worship time comes. The person waits, giving time for worship in silence, then just as the inner call to speak comes, the pastor begins the sermon, or some other part of the service takes place. I doubt there are many in the typical congregation who would have the courage to interrupt the pastor or a musical number to share a need.

Much of this could be alleviated, I think, if we were simply to make a voiced distinction as to which time is which. The presider might say something like, "Let's worship the Lord together in silence. And after prayer (or some other signal), there will be a time for anyone who feels led to do so to share what God has put on your heart." A note also in the bulletin would help clarify things for visitors and members alike.

I believe doing this would free all our minds to experience the blessed peace of together becoming truly silent before the Creator of the universe.

I have heard this matter addressed before—I've raised it at various times myself. I have not noticed it becoming "standard practice" nor to my knowledge has it been officially and finally laid to rest. If it is in some way counter to an ancient, obscure (or modern, obvious) Quaker ruling, I'll drop the subject (I think). If not, I would like to at least give a hefty push to the argument for it. It seems to me to be too sensible to be shelved.

Now I'd like to move to the question of the quality of our open sharing time. I believe there is much treasure to be uncov-

ered in our corporate body. I keep getting visions of a spirit-crackling period every Sunday—or any time we meet to pray, plan, worship—wherein there is a veritable outpouring of joy, reverence, praise, prayer, rich with humor and good report—voices of a people truly set free.

Such a thing is desirable. Scripture mandates it! We sing of it! Can we not also speak it?

"I love you, Lord,
and I lift my voice . . ."

I have shared with my church family the idea of treating our open sharing time as a potluck dinner, a holy communion, a royal feast. When a forthcoming potluck is announced, most of us will faithfully plan to bring a tasty dish to share with others. We would not feel comfortable coming time after time to such an occasion without bringing something. Yet there are those of us who come to worship service Sunday after Sunday who rarely if ever think to feed the body of the Lord.

What will release the floodgates? What is damming the flow? I think it a mistake to imagine that we can come to worship/potluck having given it no preparatory thought during the week. A hot casserole or blackberry pie does not materialize out of thin air. The Holy Spirit, I suspect, will more readily give expression through the medium of a prepared heart and mind than through a vacuum.

Scripture that at a crucial moment came alive in your heart . . . a poem of particular beauty and insight . . . a report of a personal encounter with God's grace . . . a struggle, a trial, a temptation, a downfall, a victory . . . words of appreciation and thanks for a fellow worker . . . how many times have we felt like sharing these, yet have held back? Perhaps we don't consider enough how extremely vital to the kingdom is the admonition, *Feed my sheep*.

One of the obstacles is fear of speaking out. I know this well! Yet while this fear may be understood, it must not be tolerated. Such fear is the offspring of pride. For me, it means that I'd rather be quiet and "safe" than to speak up for God and risk being thought a fool.

I believe the call of Christ is to meet our fears, confess them, and march straight through them. This I've seen. Once my focus is off myself and my weaknesses and on God's strength; off what I have to give and on what God has to give through me, I begin to know the meaning of Paul's confession: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." **EF**

David Jaquith is a member of North Valley Friends Church, Newberg, Oregon.



BY NANCY THOMAS

WE WERE meeting together in the basement of the main Friends Church in La Paz, a group of pastors, leaders, and missionaries, discussing certain Friends practices that troubled some of the churches. The discussion was becoming rather heated when one Friends leader, reacting to a comment, rose from his seat and stated with angry conviction, "I don't care what the Bible says! We are Friends and we need to be true to Friends' tradition!"

At that moment I felt fear—fear for the person and fear for the Friends Church. Although most Bolivian Quakers would not agree with this brother (thank God!), his opinion expresses a trend I see in Friends throughout the world—an overemphasis on what we call "Friends distinctives" (special doctrines or practices), to the extent that these become more important than Scripture or the Church.

It's not only Friends that have this problem. Baptists, Nazarenes, Assemblies, Anglicans... all struggle at times to guard their own uniqueness.

I'm not against denominations. The organized church gives a context for living out the commands of Jesus, a manageable means for planning and carrying out programs in fulfillment of the biblical mandates. The Church is both a human and a divine institution. The human dimension results in groups of people working together. It results in great variety and richness.

I see the Church of Jesus as a huge and many-faceted jewel. The facets represent the different groupings that have developed through the centuries. Each

one reflects the light from a different angle and with varying intensities and hues. But all the reflections and variations show in some form the essence of the jewel. And seen as one, the Church is beautiful, a sparkling, pulsating, living gem.

The problem comes when one facet begins to think of itself as the whole jewel.

I love the Friends Church. I love her unique reflections of God's truth: the priesthood of believers, the reality and immediacy of Christ's presence, the baptism of His Spirit, His active guidance of the gathered body, the importance of being peacemakers, the drawing toward simplicity.

We're not the only ones who hold these truths. In fact, they are at heart "Christian truths" rather than "Quaker truths." But our particular combination of emphases plus a history of shared experiences give Friends the colors and shades that make us unique.

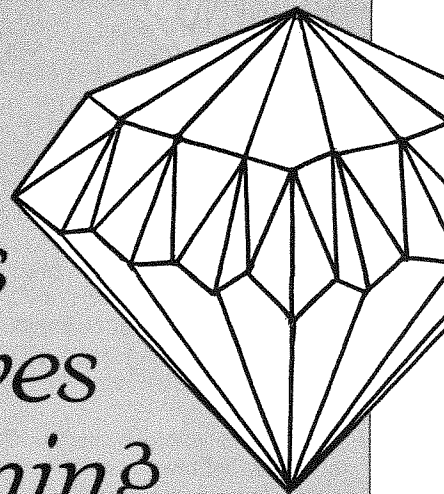
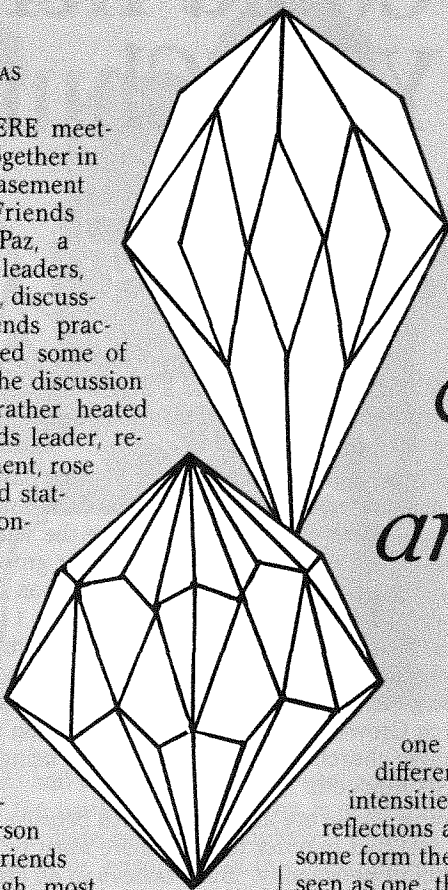
But let's not become so wrapped up in our uniqueness that we fail to see the beauty of the other facets of Christ's Church. I appreciate the sense of majesty I often receive when I worship with Anglicans, the exuberance of praise I sense among Pentecostals (the book of Psalms comes to life!), the social respon-

sibility that challenges me when I'm with Mennonites, the call to daily obedience that I hear in the holiness churches. The list could go on and on. We have much to learn from one another. The Church, united in obedience to Christ and His Word, is beautiful.

The call for unity is not a call to abandon denominations, as many would interpret it. A current movement in Bolivia sees all denominations as evil, and seeks to do away with names and doctrines, etc., but in the very process the movement is actually becoming a new denomination. I see the call for unity as rather a call to love and appreciate the whole Church, and to cooperate where possible, even as we continue to affirm the scriptural truths the Lord has called us as Friends to live out and proclaim.

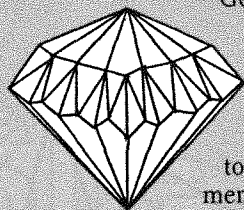
Denominations also have their negative side. Paul warns us that our battle is not against people, but against the principalities and powers that dominate our world. Inasmuch as denominations are human institutions, they are strongly influenced by these spiritual forces that oppose the Kingdom of God. We need to continually guard against powers that would bind us to tradition for the sake of tradition, forces that manifest them-

Friends Distinctives and the Coming Revival



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selves in apathy, spiritual blindness, power struggle, pride, competition, etc. The "principalities and powers" can plague any organization (including the Friends Church) causing stagnation and strife, making us ineffectual in the work of the Kingdom. It is on this level that we need to do battle.



George Fox didn't intend to start a new denomination. (As one of my friends put it, "If George Fox were alive today, he'd roll over in his grave.")

He was overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit of Christ and carried His message to the church of his day. As the movement grew and Fox saw the need for

organization, even then he shied away from using the label "Church," choosing instead the name "Society." The strength of early Friends was their sensitivity to what the Spirit was saying to 17th century England and their willingness to obey His specific commands. That's a "distinctive" we should hold on to, all the time knowing that the Spirit will have a fresh message for the Church in 20th century United States, Bolivia, Taiwan or Kenya. Although most of the content of the Spirit's message to Fox will remain, many of the forms (including some of the distinctive traditions) may change.

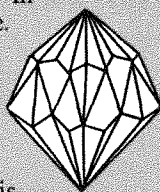
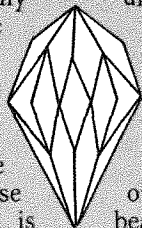
Most of us would agree that the Church today needs revival, and many believe a major revival is coming. Prayer groups for revival have sprung up all around the world. In fact, one of them meets weekly in our home.

But genuine revival, such as the Welsh Revival in the beginning of this century, has never been a denominational event. It's a sovereign movement of the Spirit of God in a geographical area and it usually affects all the expression of the Church in that area. As Christians repent and sinners come under conviction, the movement spreads to other areas. Although denominations don't cease to exist, the barriers between the different groups break down and God's people together bow in brokenness and worship, then rise up in power to minister as He leads. This is what I long for.

As this happens, Friends won't cease to be Friends. All that is true and good in us will be affirmed, as will all that is true and good in the other facets of the Church. Some imperfections will probably be cut away. Much of our dullness will be polished. Together with our other brothers and sisters, we will be the Church.

In C. S. Lewis's *The Last Battle*, the last in the Narnia series, all the creatures banded together for a final stand against evil. All, that is, except the dwarves, who, having been hurt before were suspicious of any united actions. Their theme, "The dwarves are them within their separate walls, while at the same time making them to the attacks of the all the more vulnerable enemy."

We're in a battle, too. Let's beware of saying, "The Friends are for the light shine brightly, because our facet of the jewel reflects its essence and is beautiful. But only the light of the whole jewel will be strong enough to penetrate the surrounding darkness. Only as we are bonded together in love and truth with all of our brothers and sisters can we pray with power and with results, "Holy Spirit, come!"



A Consultant Could Help Your Church Grow

BY STANLEY PERISHO

I AM EXCITED with the opportunities for Friends today. As I talk to Friends I find a desire and an openness on the part of many to do whatever is necessary to truly be "the people of God" in our world.

As I travel from place to place visiting pastors and churches, the most common question I am asked is "Why don't we grow?" We would like to recapture the vitality of the early Friends movement that made spectacular growth possible. Of course, the primary motivation and direction for the church must come from the Holy Spirit. However, I believe that God has given us resources and we must use them as effectively as possible under His guidance so that we can be effective in reaching the lost for His glory and their eternal salvation. "Church Growth" is not a mechanical, human method of building bigger churches, but a means God is using to bring people into His Kingdom.

Some people are afraid of growth because they erroneously feel that in order to grow there must be a compromise of belief or personality. But I believe in all our churches some or most of the people really desire growth. In some, nothing is done because the people can't agree on what might bring about growth. In others, people just don't know what to do to accomplish it.

Recently it was suggested that I attend a training session for "Church Growth Consultants" put on by the Charles E. Fuller Institute. I am convinced that Friends have a vital message for today's world, but I have been concerned, as have many others, that unless the present trend among Friends is reversed it will not be long till we are extinct. Churches often use "consultants" for other special needs such as enlargement or improvement of facilities, fund raising, or Christian education, so why not for better growth patterns?

As I listened to Carl George, the director of the Fuller Institute of Evangelism and Church Growth, share examples of churches that were dramatically "turned around" through the Spirit-led use of "consultation" I became excited with the possibilities for Friends. I came away from the week with a new sense of hope as I saw the value of an outside catalyst (consultant) in helping the local church to better see themselves and their possibilities for God.

A careful and prayerful look at the nature, gifts, and vision of the local congregation, along with an analysis of the opportunities and needs of the local community and the application of church growth principles under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, can open new vistas for ministry and growth. Of course, the local congregation must be willing to make the



needed adjustments and changes to see their goal accomplished. A part of the work of the consultant is to help the local church see how these can be accomplished without sacrificing the integrity or personality of the congregation.

The match of "who we are" and "what our community is" gives the factors that mix to create the growth opportunity before us. God has called us to "make disciples" and that must be our number one priority in all we do as Christians and as churches. An experienced and knowledgeable outside observer can help the congregation see how they can more effectively fulfill God's call.

The consultant doesn't just "come up with answers" but helps the congregation to ask diagnostic questions that will bring to light the answers. A consultant is not simply a "human computer" with a "bank" of ready answers, but a guide to lead the congregation through the process of analyzing themselves and their community with an eye to developing means for more effective ministry.

Careful and thorough use of questionnaires completed by all the congregation and tests and interviews of selected individuals allow the consultant to view the congregation from many angles in order to help them find the best means of growth for that unique situation. There are no "department store" answers that fit everywhere, no "universal fit," and much care and prayer must precede the eventual decision to follow a particular plan. There is a constant need to be careful that we are prayerfully sensitive to the direction of the Spirit, for this is God's Church and not a machine that can simply be manipulated to achieve greater productivity.

We must always keep in mind that our primary purpose is not just to make this church bigger, but to build the bridges


that will allow people to walk into the Kingdom of God. This being our purpose, it is imperative that we use whatever tools we can find to be the best disciple makers we can be to the glory of God and the fulfillment of His call to us as a part of His Church.

There are many ways a consultation is of value to any local church. These are some of them:

1. It provides a church with an objective view of its strengths, potential, and resources (time, talent, finances, facilities).
2. It assists in aligning present resources with stated priorities, the undiscovered gifts in the congregation, and the potential of the community.
3. It provides a sufficient data base to carry out realistic goal setting and long-range planning.
4. A consultation exposes a congregation to essential Church Growth principles and helps them to understand more of what is happening in their church.
5. It helps in discovering the barriers that are restricting growth and helps find ways to bridge those barriers.
6. It helps a church understand more clearly its basic purpose and philosophy of ministry and strengthen staff and volunteer relationships toward the accomplishment of that purpose.
7. It increases the awareness of people toward their place in the church, thus releasing additional workers for the ministry.
8. It helps build achievable expectations between staff and volunteers.
9. It helps increase both the quality and the quantity of the church's work force.
10. It helps to understand why people come, stay, leave, or really get involved and to build upon these strengths.
11. It helps to better equip the congregation to recognize changes within the community and modify the church's strategy accordingly.

I am convinced that God wants Friends to again be so empowered by His Spirit that thousands, dare I say millions, will come to know His love and power in our generation. I believe that God would have us look at that first generation of Spirit-directed Friends as an example for us to follow, not as a historical exhibit to be viewed with denominational pride.

Your church can grow if you will use the tools and the persons God has made available to you under the direction and empowering of His Holy Spirit. I do not know what adjustments or changes would be needed for you or your church, but I believe that Friends today are ready for God to do another mighty work among us by His Spirit. I pray that God will help me to lay aside my prejudices and expand my comfort zones so that I may be a part of His miracles in our day. Won't you join me?

Of course there is a cost involved for consulting services, but those costs are far outweighed by the potential benefits. The specific materials presented in the training seminar are available to be used by those trained by the "Church Growth Institute." You may want to contact your Yearly Meeting superintendent to learn of the availability of consultants in your area. 

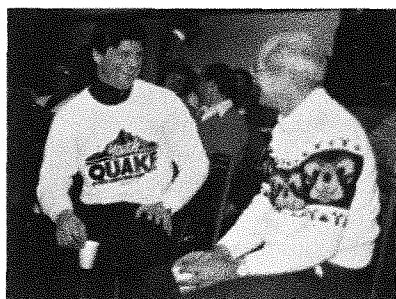
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EFA Considers International Organization

Estes Park, Colorado—The Evangelical Friends Alliance (EFA) met in its annual meeting at the YMCA of the Rockies from January 11-16. Fifty-seven Friends were in attendance representing Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Mid-America, and Eastern Region yearly meetings and EFM Associate members Alaska and Iowa.



Youth Superintendent Royce Frazier and General Superintendent Maurice Roberts of Mid-America Yearly Meeting

Howard Harmon, EFA president, summarized as the highlights of the week the approval to expand the organization and to rename it Evangelical Friends Alliance International (EFAI). He explained that the initiative for the plan came from Friends in Third World countries before and after attending the International Friends Conference on Evangelism held in Guatemala in November '87. They requested affiliation and further significant contacts with evangelical Friends.

The objectives in organizing EFAI are fourfold: renewal, evangelization, fellowship, and leadership development. Membership will be open to any yearly meeting agreeing to the

basic doctrines and policies of the Alliance with provision for the organization of four geographical regions—namely, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and North America. The Steering Committee would consist of one representative from each of the regions.

At the closing session, the Coordinating Council approved the concept of EFAI and recommended that an exploratory meeting be scheduled in May 1989 with the leader of each interested yearly meeting to meet in Houston for the purpose of refining the proposed constitution. They would then return to their respective yearly meetings for their consideration.

Another major agenda item was the decision to encourage church growth by setting November 5, 1989, as Celebration Sunday in all EFA churches with the goal of 25 percent increase in average Sunday morning attendance.

Friends were encouraged as they heard reports of these recent church plantings:

Langham Creek, near Houston, Texas (MAYM)

Mountain View, East Vancouver, Washington (NWYM)

East Hill, Kent, Washington (NWYM)

King's Community and New Hope, Richmond, Virginia (EFC-ER)

Kobuk, Alaska (Alaska YM)

All of the EFA yearly meetings reported Technigrowth Campaigns with varying degrees of success, but all provided valuable lists of interested families to follow up.

Christian Education Commission reported that the 1988 Easter "Miracle Offering" to construct a church building for the Friends Church in Rwanda, Africa, amounted to \$115,900. Willard Ferguson, one of the missionaries who founded the

work, was present and reported there are now seven Friends churches in Rwanda; Paul and Leona Thornburg have moved to Idaho to administer a secondary school



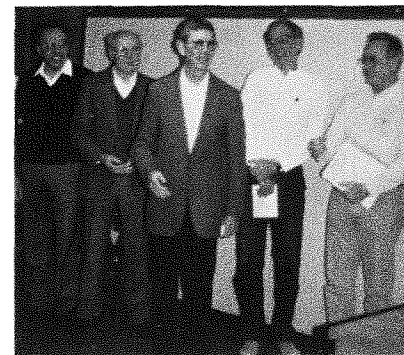
located on six acres of land given by the government; Gary and Connie Young after five months in Kigali are making progress with the building, having completed the foundation as a first step.

The 1989 Easter offering goal is \$80,000 and will be used to plant new churches in Rwanda. Videos (5 minutes in length) for both adults and children will be available to promote the Rwanda offering.

Marjorie Landwert, president of the Christian Education Commission, reports continued work in curriculum development in cooperation with other denominational colleagues. Betty Hockett's seventh book in the series of Life Stories from Missions will focus on Anna Nixon, EFC-ER missionary to India, and will be available in June.

The Missions Commission welcomed Harry Greenberg of Wilmore, Kentucky, as missions consultant. The decision was announced for EFM to assume personnel and financial administration of the Rough Rock Friends Mission at Chinle, Arizona, beginning in February.

Tim Fox was commissioned for missionary service in Mexico and expected to leave January 27, with his wife Kathy and



children—Kevin, 3, and Julie, 1—for their first term of service.

The up-to-date news from recent visits to mission fields was shared during the week by Maurice Roberts, who visited Kenya, Burundi, and Rwanda; Earl and Janice Perisho—Peru and Bolivia; Robert Hess and Duane Comfort—India, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China.

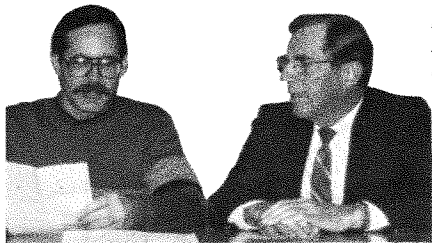
In addition, Robert Sheldon, superintendent, reported the Eskimo Friends Church in Alaska is contributing \$1,000 to the Rwanda Church. This was received with appreciation. Phil and Kay Burgi were honored for their valuable volunteer service as EFM treas-

Frequency Change

In order to maintain the quality of publication within current financial constraints, Evangelical Friend will be publishing nine issues a year instead of ten. This decision of the Evangelical Friends Alliance Publication Commission in their January meeting will affect 1989 and 1990 with reinstatement of the tenth issue being reviewed when the 1991 budget is considered. Months with combined issues are January/February, July/August, and October/November.

Friends logo designers wanted

Warren Koch (left) of Northwest Yearly Meeting interviews James Morris, executive director of Evangelical Friends Mission, as part of the missions report.



urer and accountant for the past eight years.

The Youth Commission reported a successful Youthquake in Denver two weeks earlier with 350 attending. Bruce Bishop outlined three projects for this year,

1. An exchange program to visit other yearly meetings and report back.

2. A revolving summer internship, with NWYM as the beneficiary this year.

3. Funding a resource person who will encourage FY groups. David Williams of First Denver Friends will receive the funding this year.

The Executive Committee is announcing a contest among Friends for designing an appropriate logo. One major use will be on roadside signs to identify locations of evangelical Friends churches. Entries should be submitted on 8½ x 11 paper and mailed by September 1 to Lucy Anderson, 1201 30th St. NW, Canton, OH 44709. The three best will be submitted to the Executive Committee, who will award a prize of \$300 for the winning logo.

The Publications Commission announced that the July/August magazine will be a joint issue of *Quaker Life* and *Evangelical Friend* with the same four major articles featured.

Next year the EFA commissions will meet January 10-15, 1990, with Eastern Region as host.

Continuing as EFA president is Howard Harmon, Northwest Yearly Meeting superintendent; Maurice Roberts, superintendent of Mid-America Yearly Meeting, is vice president; Randy Littlefield, director of Church Growth for Mid-America Yearly Meeting, is secretary;

and Bruce Burch, Eastern Area superintendent for Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, is treasurer.

Commission presidents are Earl Perisho—missions, Marjorie Landwert—Christian education, Lucy Anderson—publications, and Bruce Bishop will clerk the youth commission.



Williams to Succeed Hess as EFC-ER Superintendent

Beginning July 1, Eastern Region Friends Churches will have a new General Superintendent. John P. Williams, Jr. (pictured), who currently pastors



Canton First Friends Church, will succeed Robert Hess, who concludes six years in the superintendency.

John Williams will have completed ten years in the Canton pastorate when he takes up his new duties at the EFC-ER headquarters office at 1201 30th Street NW, in Canton. Under his leadership, Canton First Friends completed the construction of a new sanctuary and a family center, increased the staff to include

five full-time and three part-time ministers, and set new records by doubling the membership and increasing the Sunday morning attendance by 62 percent.

A recorded minister in the Friends Church, John Williams is a 1967 graduate of Malone College. He received the M.A.T. in English Education from the College of Wooster, the M.A. in Sociology from the University of Akron, and the Ph.D. in higher education from Iowa State University (1973).

Prior to moving to Canton in 1979, he was Associate Professor of Sociology at Marion College in Indiana, serving in that position for nine years.

During the past few years, Williams has been invited as guest speaker at many church growth seminars, pastors' conferences, youth meetings, and Friends gatherings. In his new position as superintendent, he will supervise programs for the 91 Friends churches in Eastern Region Yearly Meeting, focusing on church planting, missionary outreach, youth ministries, social concerns, publications, and evangelism.

Calls Keep Going Out

Telephoning Campaigns during January and February have been completed in four communities of Eastern Region Yearly Meeting—three of which are for increasing the outreach of local churches, and the other to plant a new Friends church.

The new church is sponsored by Michigan District and will be located in Ann Arbor in the Holidome, off I-94 and Jackson Avenue. Celebration Sunday will be March 12. According to Pastor Ron Elie, they are hoping for 30,000 dial-ups with volunteers doing the calling from the Friendship House of Ypsilanti Friends Church.

Blendon Extension Church, Gahanna, Ohio, (David Burton), Gilead Friends, (Charles Robinson), and Boston Heights Friends Church, Hudson, Ohio, (David Peters) are also expanding their ministries via the telephone.

Taiwan Pastor Now Missionary in USA

A Chinese Friends Church in the Los Angeles area has become a reality. At the first service, which was held January 22, 1989, there were 120 in attendance.

Former Taiwan YM presiding clerk and retired pastor of Northside in Taipei, Pastor Chou, now lives in Los Angeles and is heading up the new church, which is in cooperation with Southwest Yearly Meeting. Charles Mylander, superintendent. Pray for our Chinese Friends in this new venture.

News Bits

John and Barbara Brantingham are now living in Hampton, Virginia, where John has assumed the duties of interim pastor at Hampton First Friends Church.

Their youngest son, Tim, has enrolled at William and Mary College, and sons David and Jonathan are caring for the business in Taipei while they are gone. The Brantinghams succeed David Tebbs, who has moved to Canton to help plant a new church in 1989.

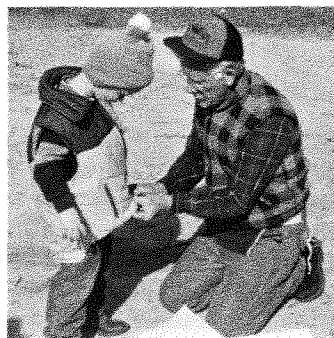
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SALEM FIRST Friends has extended a call to serve as senior pastor to Randall Heckert of Sarasota, Florida. Randy pastored at Deerfield from 1979 to 1982, after which he served as chaplain in the U.S. Army until January 1988.

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CAMP CAESAR dates for this summer are June 26-July 1 Senior High; July 3-8 Junior High.

Learning to become a 'Stephen'



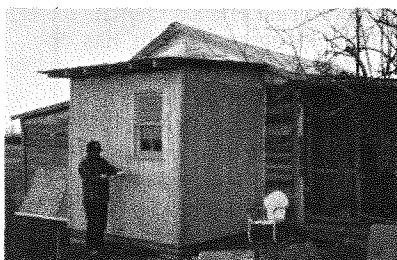
Harry Flanigan of Virginia Beach (Providence Friends Church) purchased a warm jacket for this little boy and presented it to him.

Friends Provide Helping Hands, Listening Ears

Friends Disaster Service responded quickly to help with relief efforts after the tornado struck the area of Raleigh, North Carolina, on November 29. Dean Johnson has made four trips to Nash County, which was the area assigned by the Red Cross for FDS to help. An estimated 70 Quaker volunteers have worked together to replace roofs and reconstruct destroyed buildings.



The North Carolina tornado overturned houses and lives.



FDS volunteers rebuilt this home, installing an indoor bathroom to replace the outhouse which was destroyed by the tornado.

On two occasions, workers from Ohio Yearly Meeting (Barnesville) have traveled south to join the work. In its Christmas Eve edition, the *Akron Beacon Journal* had as their lead story "Ohio Quakers Help Family Rebuild Lives After Tornado." The writer then related the story of a 12-year-old boy whose horse was killed

when the tornado struck, but on Christmas morning rejoiced to find a pony had been purchased for him by a caring group at Canton Friends who learned of the loss through Dean Johnson.

FDS formed in 1974 in response to a tornado in Zenia, Ohio, and has since worked out an arrangement with the Red Cross whereby members provide labor while the Red Cross provides materials and some meals. As important as the ministry of replacing physical structures is the ministry of encouragement, hope, and caring that members provide to disaster victims.



MID-AMERICA
YEARLY MEETING

Iglesia Amigos Church Christmas

The Iglesia Amigos Church held a Christmas Eve service with 46 Hispanics in attendance. The children gave readings, sang songs, and assisted the

adults in presenting the Christmas story through drama. Following the service gifts were presented to all the children present, and refreshments consisting of tamales, salad, cookies, coffee, and cocoa were served. Sacked treats were given to all present.

Caring Ministry Spreads Through Church

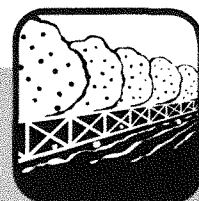
The Haviland Friends Church has enrolled in the Stephen Series, which is a system of training lay people to do caring ministry. Those who will become involved will learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are depressed or experiencing other stresses in life.

Pastor Dave and Jan Robinson will attend training in January.

Jan Robinson, wife of Dave, has been diagnosed as having cancer. Please remember Dave and Jan in prayer.

News Bits

Marian Roberts represented Mid-America Yearly Meeting at the Friends Consultation on Testimonies, Advices and Queries, at Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana, December 8-11. This event was sponsored by Earlham School of Religion and the Conference Center.



NORTHWEST
YEARLY MEETING

Training Center Taking Form

In February, Midyear Board Meetings were held in Newberg, Oregon. Boards, departments, commissions, and councils of the Yearly Meeting met to dream and plan for the year ahead.

The missions project of developing a center for training pastors in Arequipa, Peru, is an exciting dream taking form. Arequipa is the second largest city in Peru. This center would serve as a central church and training center, bringing believers together for worship on Sunday, who would then evangelize through extension churches spread throughout the city.

Three New Churches

On the local level, the three new churches planted this fall in the Northwest are growing and stabilizing into worshipping congregations. Several home Bible studies have developed and people are experiencing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as well as meaningful relationships with others. The Board of Evangelism began plans for another plant next fall.

Jamboree

Fifty-one junior high students from Oregon and Washington gathered at Twin Rocks Friends Camp for the annual Junior High Jamboree retreat directed by high school students from the Newberg Area.

George Fox College student Corey Beals provided the main messages on prayer and being grounded in Christ.

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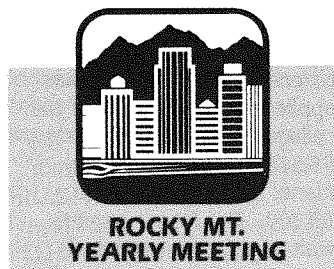
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Volleyball

Area volleyball tournaments in late February are warm-up competitions for the Yearly Meeting-wide Volleyball Tournament held April 7 and 8 on the GFC campus. This is an annual event which brings over 400 high school students to the campus.



RMYM Churches Participate in 50-day Adventure

Several Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting churches participated in the Chapel of the Air's 1989 50-day Adventure.

Among churches taking part were Albuquerque Friends, First Denver Friends, and Springbank Friends.

The theme of the adventure, which ran from February 5 through March 26, was "50 days for Christ to visit my community." Participants in the program had five disciplines to follow during the time period. In addition, a special journal was used to help guide everyone in the disciplines and the adventure theme. Journals were available for adults, youths, and children.

Disciplines included reading the book *In His Steps* by Charles M. Sheldon; daily Scripture readings and study questions; a daily prayer that asks the Lord to work in the community where one lives; assignments to represent Jesus Christ's interests in our community; and seeking to be a

"link" for those without a relationship with God.

Rea Announces Time for Change

Jack Rea submitted his resignation as superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting on January 7, 1989, to the yearly meeting executive board. The resignation is effective June 30. Rea indicated that the change comes with a sense of the Lord's leading that the time has come for someone else to provide leadership to RMYM. He will have served for seven and a half years in the position.

Rea and his family moved to Colorado Springs in January of 1982 to take the position. The previous four and a half years they had served as missionaries in Taiwan with Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region.

RMYM Briefs

ALLEN, NEBRASKA—Springbank Friends recently viewed a video, *The Genesis Solution*, with attenders from the local Lutheran and Methodist churches. The videotape's theme shows how the basic Christian belief in creation can be foundational at preventing lawlessness and societal sins like abortion, homosexuality, and pornography.

LAMAR, COLORADO—Faith Friends here has designated the first Sunday of each month as Special Friends Sunday from January through April. The goal is for everyone to bring a friend to church. The effort will culminate April 30, when old and newcomers will join to celebrate Lamar Faith Friends' 10th anniversary.

PAONIA, COLORADO—Women in Paonia Friends have organized "Moms in Touch," a weekly meeting in which concerned mothers gather to pray

for children in public and private schools, and home schoolers.

On January 22, Pastor Eldon Cox's sermon emphasized the sanctity of life, as Paonia Friends commemorated the infamous Roe vs. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision. Additionally, Tom and Diane Sheefer of Cedaridge, Colorado, recently spoke to Paonia Friends about the Delta County (Colorado) Pregnancy Resource Center. The center provides aid for teenagers and adults in crisis pregnancies and offers an alternative to abortions.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA—William Wagner of Clearwater, Florida, held special meetings here in early April.



Kappa Delta Pi Comes to Malone

A new chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi honor society in education was started at Malone College, Canton, Ohio, in January with 42 students and 11 faculty members inducted into the new Rho Tau chapter. Donna Brandon is the faculty sponsor, and Dr. Bruce Jorgensen, who is international president, was on hand for the induction ceremony.

College Benefits from Grants

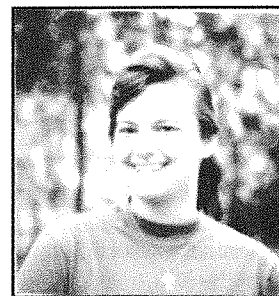
The Malone campus is to receive some material improvements due to two grants that have been awarded recently. The Hoover Foundation has contributed \$50,000 toward the cost of resurfacing the

track, and the Andrews Foundation in Cleveland has given \$5,000 toward a new lighting board for the Performing Arts Hall.

New Youth Ministries Major Implemented at FBC

AABC, the accrediting association for Friends Bible College, gave complete approval for a new Youth Ministries Major that is now being offered at Friends Bible College. Academic Dean Dr. Bruce Hicks stated, "We're happy to be able to meet this growing need within our denomination."

"The youth ministry program is designed on the basis of our own research and input from our denomination's youth leadership. A strong appeal was made for this program to include adequate experience in practicum and internship, so it is a highly practical program emphasizing observation and 'practics'."



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Friends Bible College News Notes

The FBC Concert Choir will be touring New Mexico, Arizona, and California spring-break week March 16-28. Director Bob Ham is in his tenth year of leading the choir on tour to various areas of the United States.

Concerts will be held in Hugoton, Kansas; Albuquerque, and Sante Fe, New Mexico; Phoenix, and Mesa, Arizona; Whittier, Yorba Linda, Glendora, Escondido, Alhambra, Garden Grove, Lake Elsinore, and Spring Valley, California.

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SEVERAL FBC PROFESSORS traveled to various areas this school year, including Europe and Guatemala.

Christian Education instructor Mark Wade attended the National Association of Professors of Christian Education Seminar in Vail, Colorado.

Johndy and Jo Lewis, FBC staff and faculty members, went to Germany, where they visited their daughter, art museums, castles, cathedrals, and other points of interest.

Choir director Bob Ham attended the American Choral Directors Association in Louisville, Kentucky, March 8-11.

FBC science instructor Jim Leininger and wife, Roberta (FBC librarian), spent two weeks in Guatemala visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Chelle, missionaries there.

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THANKS to everyone who boosted the Christmas Wreath giving to a grand total of \$76,854 this year, surpassing last year's total by \$11,691!!

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Innovative Master of Arts Program Offered to Area Educators

Dr. Richard Felix, president of Friends University, Wichita, announced that in the university's continuing commitment to the educational needs of working adults, Friends will offer its innovative Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree to the Hutchinson area in the spring of 1989. This is the first off-campus offering of one of the university's new master's programs.

Fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Friends University's Master of Arts in Teaching degree is designed to fit into the schedules of working teachers. It is a practical degree that utilizes each teacher's classroom as a learning lab.

Classes are modular in structure: MAT students finish one course completely before progressing on to the next. The students also begin and finish the program together, which bonds them into a supportive network of professional colleagues all headed toward the same goal.

A regional group of 20 teachers will be formed in Hutchinson, including teachers from the Hutchinson area and from member schools of the Educational Services and Staff Development Association of Central Kansas (ESSDACK). In just under two years, meeting

one evening per week and selected Saturdays, the students may complete the program.

Athletic Scholarships Provided

A trust fund to provide annual scholarships for student athletes has been established for George Fox College (Newberg, Oregon).

The charitable trust fund has been created by long-time college supporters James and Lila Miller, Portland. The income will give the Newberg college funding equivalent to five or six full tuition scholarships annually.

In keeping with college policy, the income will be used to fund 10 to 15 student athletes with partial tuition scholarships, President Edward F. Stevens said.

Pay for Your Child's College Education Now

With college costs rising, many parents worry that their children will not be able to afford a college education. George Fox College has taken steps to alleviate that worry with an innovative prepayment plan.

Stepping into a financial forefront, George Fox and eight other colleges in the United States offer a prepayment plan through the National Tuition Maintenance Organization. Through TMO, parents have the opportunity to pay now for a four-year education at George Fox College. When their chil-

dren enter college they pay nothing more for tuition and fees, despite rate increases.

A prepayment of \$1,000 is required to open a TMO account, with payments in \$250 increments thereafter, for as long as parents wish to pay. The sooner parents pay for four years' tuition the more they save, because all payments are based on current tuition rates.

For example, if a college's 1989 tuition rate is \$7,000, parents' 1989 payments are applied toward \$7,000. If the college's 1990 tuition rate is \$8,500, parents' 1990 payments are applied toward \$8,500. The longer parents wait to pay, the more payments it will take to pay off one year's tuition.

TMO, a nonprofit organization established in 1986 to help institutions meet future costs of education, offers greater financial return than personal savings plans, according to Don Millage, GFC vice president of financial affairs. If parents invest amounts equal to TMO payments in typical savings accounts, their accrued savings over the years will be less than what a future education will cost, he said.

Homecoming Honors

Nationally known author Richard Foster was honored as Alumnus of the Year at George Fox College's 1989 Homecoming February 17-18.

Frank and Genevieve (Badley) Cole were named GFC's 1989 Volunteers of the Year.

Rebecca (Thomas) Ankeny and Fred Van Gorkom were named Young Alumna and Young Alumnus of the Year.

GFC's Homecoming 1989 kicked off February 17 with a "Performing Arts Showcase," and coronation of the 1989 Homecoming court.

OUR
FRIENDS
IN
LOCAL
CHURCHES

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

Youth and Christian Education

BETHEL, Hugoton, Kansas (Rick Garrison, youth pastor), sponsored a bake sale at the Moonlight Madness that was held in downtown Hugoton. Proceeds from the sale went to support the youth activities.

Youth from **WILLOUGHBY HILLS**, Willoughby, Ohio, Friends (Dale Diggs) traveled to **PELHAM**, Fenwick, Ontario, Canada, Friends (Matthew Chesnes) during a weekend in November. Special events included sight-seeing at Niagara Falls on Saturday and a carry-in meal Sunday noon.

A new Sunday school class began in December at **EAST GOSHEN**, Beloit, Ohio, Friends (Rod Grafton) for post-high sin-

gles. The book used for study was *Christians in a Crooked World* by Stephen M. Miller. The class is led by Pastor Rod and Anna Grafton.

Pastor Baisley of Springfield Evangelical Church, Ohio, conducted children's meetings November 6 through 10 at **TRINITY**, Van Wert, Ohio, Friends (Duane Rice).

Part of the Christmas holiday celebration at **LONE STAR**, Hugoton, Kansas, Friends (Larry Trezise) was the Sunday school classroom decorating contest. A prize was given for the "best-dressed" class.

At **PELHAM** Wednesday night children's programs include Rainbow Kids (ages 5-9) and Gospel Kids (ages 10-13). The youth participated in "Youth Overnight" at **WILLOUGHBY HILLS** and a youth retreat in Aurora, Ohio.

MT. CARMEL, Cable, Ohio, Friends (Fred Clogg) youth, assisted by adults, made Christmas grave wreaths and blankets to raise money for Endeavors for Christ and Camp Caesar Fund, clearing \$700.

COLONY, Newport News, Virginia, Friends (William Lockwood) youth enjoyed a "sleepover" December 31 at the home of Bonnie Dame. In January parents and teens engaged in an excellent study series, "For Parents Only," by Dr. John White and Dr. John Baucom.

BELOIT Youth, Ohio (James Hollingsworth), attended the Friends Youth Winter Retreat at Aurora Woodlands Inn, Aurora, Ohio, which featured artist Steven Curtis Chapman.

During morning worship **GILEAD**, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, Friends (Charles Robinson), enjoyed the children of the Sunday school and CYC in a combined Christmas program.

Bill Crowder, son of Don and Clara Lee Crowder, has been

added to the staff of **HUNTER HILLS**, Greensboro, North Carolina, Friends (Dale Dragomir). Bill is part-time Christian education director and has started a CYC children's ministry on Wednesday nights at the church with an average attendance of 30. He will graduate from John Wesley College in May.

Spiritual Life and Church Growth

On December 11, **EAST HILL**, Kent, Washington, Friends (Richard Hayes) held their first services as a new church plant under the Board of Evangelism. During the month of December they began bonding as a group through worship and fellowship. The ladies met for a cookie exchange and left with a sampling of cookies and friendships "to come."

During the month of January East Hill members enjoyed a concert by Bill Price from Oregon and experienced their first potluck. The ladies joined for a tea on a Saturday and had a representative from Rodda share some of the latest ideas in home decorating. The youth met with Bruce Bishop and began establishing their youth program.

Supper groups continue at **ORANGE ROAD**, Westerville, Ohio, Friends (Tim Kelley). The book of study is *Where Two or Three are Gathered Together* by Lyman Coleman.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio, Friends (Randy Neiswanger) was led in revival meetings October 21-23 by noted evangelist and youth specialist Dr. Bob Laurent.

An average of 30 individuals attended a Christian Leadership Seminar presented at **URBANA**, Ohio, Friends (James Chess) November 11-13 by Max and Kathleen Huffman of Muncie, Indiana.

In October **RAISIN VALLEY**, Adrian, Michigan, Friends (Dale Chryst) decided to have a year-long project of collecting a mile of pennies (84,480) for the new extension church in **ANN ARBOR**. On December 11 Raisin Valley presented Ron Elie, the church planter, with a "ten-mile" check.

Roy Skeeter, associate pastor at **FRIENDSWOOD**, Texas, was guest speaker at the seminar on spiritual gifts January 29 at the **AUSTIN**, Texas (Cliff Loesch), Friends Church.

Stan Scott, a former atheist and television newsman, will conduct revival meetings at **BAYSHORE**, Texas (Glenn Armstrong), February 19-23.

Terry Worthington, pastor at **BETHEL** Friends, Hugoton, Kansas, conducted revival services for **SPRINGFIELD**, Colorado, Friends Church (Dennis West) in November.

HAVILAND, Kansas, Friends (Dave Robinson) plans a "50

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SAXAPAHAW, Graham, North Carolina, Friends (Doug Durham) had a successful Friends Day—267 in attendance and dinner for all. A new public address system has been installed.

At **SARASOTA**, Florida (John Williams, Sr.), 25 Friends are reading through the Bible in 1989. Sermons and Bible studies often correlate with the readings for the week.

At **FULTON CREEK**, Radnor, Ohio (Charles Frey), revival services with Earl Bailey of Canton were most rewarding. Earl was able to minister also in three local schools to about 650 students. Curtis Williams of Dayton, Ohio, was evangelist.

Missions

SPRINGBANK Friends' Allen, Nebraska (Roger Green), annual missionary dinner included

new Mexico Friends ministry slides and a short video on the Rwanda, Africa, mission effort.

BATTLE CREEK held their missionary conference the week of October 23. The activities included a presentation of flags, a Sunday school international expo, and a progressive potluck international dinner.

WESTGATE enjoyed a brief visit from the Anil Solanki family from India, whom they supported in the early eighties while Anil was working on his doctorate from Ohio State University. The Solankis presently reside in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where Anil is on sabbatical while teaching and translating the Bible into Gujarati.

PRATT, Kansas, Friends (John Havens) received their annual White Christmas offering on December 18. The offering was sent to the mission work in Rwanda, Africa.

On December 7 the Friends Women from **RAMONA**, Oklahoma (Lyle Whiteman), took their comforter and other Christmas gifts to Kickapoo Indian Mission near McCloud, Oklahoma.

In the "Bible for Russia" project, **BARBERTON**, Ohio (Brian Cowan), church purchased eight sets of books in the Russian language and sent them to families whose addresses were furnished by the National Association of Evangelicals.

DEERFIELD, Ohio, Friends (Wayne Evans) observed Mission Sunday in January with Sunday school classes leading "tours" of countries in which Friends missionaries work.

Members purchased tickets for information on dress, food, housing, churches, culture, exports, history, and geography during the tours. The purpose was to better acquaint everyone with the missionaries and

the environment in which they serve the Lord.

The entire **TRINITY**, Van Wert, church enjoyed the first prayer breakfast of the new year. On December 29 Manny and Brenda Chavarria and children, missionaries to Mexico, shared a video and slides of their work.

The **GILEAD** Mary Evelyn Moore Missionary Circle had their Ladies Annual Talent Auction. They had a successful evening and raised \$874 toward their missionary project.

A special missions project for the Rough Rock Mission was recently completed by **HUNTER HILLS**. Over the past year, funds have been gathered to be used for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the mission. This project was coordinated by Jack Rea, superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting; \$4,602 was collected for the project.



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Registration forms are found in the January-February issue of *Quaker Life* and *Evangelical Friend*.

Family Life

A family life seminar with Larry and Kathy Willett entitled "Building Your Christian Home" was held at GILEAD November 19, 20.

ORANGE ROAD started a "Covenant Group" January 12, studying the book *Beginnings* by Lyman Coleman, a six-week course aimed at building a sense of community.

In early January, EVANGELICAL FRIENDS, Omaha, Nebraska (Peter Schuler), showed the film *A Man Called Norman* that was produced by Focus on the Family.

Church Building and Equipment

To improve the church sanctuary, pastor's office, and library, Evangelical Friends, OMAHA, Nebraska, members recently raised money toward the purchase of vertical Levolor blinds.

LIBERAL, Kansas, Friends (Paul Shugart) held a day of celebration on January 8 for burning of the mortgage. Special guests were former pastors Jim and Jeanne Pitts and Ron and Mary Brown.

UNIVERSITY, Wichita, Kansas, Friends (Pastoral team) held an open house at the "Friends Place," a house that was given

to the church by one of their former members. It was remodeled into apartments for use as a temporary home for families in need.

HUNTER HILLS recently completed a \$40,000 remodeling project. The sanctuary was remodeled and decorated with carpeting, stained glass windows, and chandeliers.

Relief and Outreach

GREENLEAF has a Senegal (Africa) Well display made by Glenn Koch to welcome funds for such a project, sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee for Overseas Relief.

AUSTIN, Texas, hosted a party at one of the cottages at Travis State School, a home for mentally retarded persons.

The ORANGE ROAD Women's Christian Fellowship purchased two cribs for the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio, Friends' (Charles Fye) Christmas giving went to the Delaware County Crisis Pregnancy Center. A representative of the Center spoke to the church, and the pastor serves on the Board of Directors.

Other Important Events

At PLEASANT VIEW, Eagle Springs, North Carolina, Friends (Lynn Shreve), on January 1 Catherine Parsons, outgoing treasurer, was presented an engraved certificate of recognition for 15 years of service as treasurer of the church.

FIRST DENVER Friends, Colorado (Chuck Orwiler), member Jerry Lemons received the "School Administrator of the Year Award" in December. Lemons, who is an elementary principal in the Aurora School District, was honored by the Colorado Alliance of Business.

At ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio, Friends (Dane Ruff),

"Baby Day," January 8, was observed. Parents and other relatives gathered around the babies as the pastor dedicated the little one and gave each one a red rose.

Senior adults at BOISE, Idaho, Friends (Harold Antrim) enjoyed the camaraderie of their peers at an overnight trip to McCall on January 30-31. The Senior Sneak is sponsored by Quaker Hill conference. A seminar on "Jesus: Rock Solid" was part of the retreat. February 3-5 was a ski retreat for couples at Quaker Hill. A highlight of these trips was the viewing of the ice sculptures made by McCall residents.

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP, Greensboro, North Carolina (Jack Tebbs), had a wonderful 1988. Telemarketing, installing a classroom trailer, other expansion projects, choir programs, and children's programs were some of the highlights. "Adopt a Family" project made Christmas real to children.

BYHALIA, Ohio, Friends (Richard Worden) renovated the church sanctuary and added insulation and fans. A new nursery was completed.

At BARBERTON, Flower Day in December was conducted by the youth—80 carnations were delivered for donations of \$2 each to brighten someone's day.

FERRY ROAD, Danville, Virginia, Friends (Charles Kernodle) held a Musical Talent Night January 1, featuring special talent from members of the church. Guest speaker Carolyn Winstead shared information regarding her ministry in hospitals and nursing homes.

BETHEL Friends, Hugoton, Kansas, was featured on the ABC Television Network show *U.S. Farm Report* on the weekend of February 25, 26.

OUR RECORD OF FRIENDS

Births

ALKYER—To Mark and Kelly Alkyer, a son, Christopher Jonathon, August 8, 1988, Wadsworth, Ohio.

ANDRES—To David and Shanna Andres, a son, Adam David, January 26, 1989, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

ARNOLD—To Steve and Sharon Arnold, a son, Casey Steven, November 11, 1988, Orange Road Friends, Westerville, Ohio.

BENSON—To Bryce and Sherrie Benson, a daughter, Crystal Marie, November 24, 1988, Alva Friends, Oklahoma.

BERMUDEZ-KOCH—To Jaime and Genevieve Bermudez-Koch, a daughter, Gabrielle Joy, December 7, 1988, in Yuma, Arizona.

BOSTRON—To Conrad and Donna Bostron, a son, Allen Earl, December 10, 1988, Hay Springs, Nebraska.

BRUCE—To Brian and Sandy Bruce, a son, Lane Michael, September 28, 1988, Argonia Friends, Kansas.

BUCK—To Brian and Cindy Buck, a daughter, Kayleigh Danielle, August 3, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

BURTON—To Derrick and Brenda Burton, a daughter, Elizabeth Nicole, August 14, 1988, Saxapahaw Friends, North Carolina.

CLARK—To Rob and Judy Clark, a son, Russell Kade, December 2, 1988, Booker Friends, Texas.

CLARK—To Welford and LaCoyia Clark, a daughter, Aretha Simone, December 7, 1988, Denver, Colorado.

CROMER—To Kerry and Crystal Cromer, a daughter, Lodie Lynn, November 1, 1988, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

DAVIS—To Chuck and Renée Davis, a daughter, Janessa Danielle, October 12, 1988, Orange Road Evangelical Friends, Westerville, Ohio.

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GOWING—To Harland and Nancy Gowing, a son, Thomas Harlan, December 10, 1988, Eugene Friends, Oregon.

HALLIBURTON—To Raymond and Tricia Halliburton, a son, Blake Chase, November 18, 1988, Booker Friends, Texas.

HAMPTON—To Larry and Paula Hampton, a daughter, Kelsey LeAnn, November 29, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

HANNEN—To Mr. and Mrs. James Hannen, a daughter, Hannah Marie, November 17, 1988, Smithfield Friends, Ohio.

JAMES—To Norman and Theresa James, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, October 26, 1988, Spokane Friends, Washington.

JONES—To Rick and Karen Jones, a son, Zachary Abraham, October 5, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

JUNGBLUTH—To Harold and Victoria Jungbluth, a daughter, Michaela Hope, December 1, 1988, Denver, Colorado.

LOGAN—To Charles and LuAnne Logan, a son, Charles William III (Trey), November 19, 1988, Riverton Friends, Kansas.

LUNDEEN—To Steve and Robin Lundeen, a son, Nicholas Alan, November 20, 1988, Fowler Friends, Kansas.

MILLER—To Michael and Leann Miller, a daughter, Emily Faye, November 6, 1988, Wadsworth, Ohio.

NEISWANGER—To Darren and Linda Neiswanger, a son, Joshua Glenn, November 4, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

PARKER—To Jim and Linsey Parker, a daughter, Emily Ann, November 9, 1988, Battle Creek Friends, Michigan.

PAXSON—To Larry and Mary Paxson, a son, Paul Anthony, April 16, 1988, Argonia Friends, Kansas.

RICE—To Shaun and Debbie Rice, a daughter, Jill Ann, November 15, 1988, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

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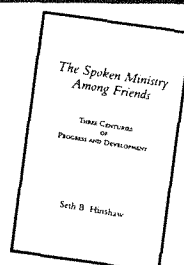
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STICKEL—To Denny and Margie Stickel, a daughter, Priscilla Katherine, October 24, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

THRON-WEBER—To Bruce and Penny Thron-Weber, a daughter, Katya Marie, November 24, 1988, Mountain View Friends, Colorado.

TWADDLE—To James and Lynnette (Moore) Twaddle, a son, James Len, Jr., April 25, 1988, Sebring Friends, Ohio.

Marriages

BINFORD-BROWN. Carol Binford and Carmie Brown, November 26, 1988, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

BOWMAN-GONGORA. Lori J. Bowman and David H. Gongora, August 13, 1988, Trinity Friends, Martinsville, Virginia.

BRADLEY-SMITH. Virginia "Ginger" Bradley and Mark R. Smith, January 9, 1988, in Denver, Colorado.

CAMPBELL-CONKLE. Adrienne Campbell to Eddie Conkle, December 24, 1988, Paonia, Colorado.

CASH-CORGIN. Lisa Cash and Dave Corgin, October 15, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

COOLEY-ODDEN. Diane Cooley to Cadet Odden, December 17, 1988, Benkelman, Nebraska.

DAVIS-BERGLAND. Shelly Jo Davis and Daniel Bergland, November 26, 1988, Rose Hill Friends, Kansas.

GATES-STURDEVANT. Tricia Gates and Darin Sturdevant, October 1, 1988, Red Bluff, California.

HAGEN-BEEBE. Pam Hagen and Gayle Beebe, November 26, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

LANGNESS-WILLIAMS. Marilyn Langness and Scot Williams, October 15, 1988, Battle Creek Friends, Battle Creek, Michigan.

LEACH-CRANDALL. Marcile Leach and Robert Crandall, December 31, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

MAYER-HUFFMAN. Tammy Mayer and Jeff Huffman, December 10, 1988, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

MOORE-SARGENT. Dana Moore and Carol Sargent, December 10, 1988, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

NESBITT-DAY. Beverly Nesbitt and Ralph Day, December 31, 1988, Orange Road Evangelical Friends, Westerville, Ohio.

SCHUCK-HIBBS. Frances Schuck and Carol E. Hibbs, Greenleaf Friends, Idaho, September 24, 1988.

SELFRIDGE-BRYAN. JoAnn Selfridge to Randy Bryan, December 31, 1988, Faith Friends Church, Lamar, Colorado.

WHITTENBERG-ENGLE. Patsy Whittenberg and Frank Engle, Jr., December 30, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

Deaths

ALEY—William D. Aley, November 6, 1988, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

BASSETT—Walter Bassett, 89, January 1, 1989, Boise Friends, Idaho.

BENDER—Sophia Bender, October 30, 1988, Alva Friends, Oklahoma.

BLACK—Kenneth Black, November 6, 1988, Alum Creek Friends, Marengo, Ohio.

BROWN—Sara Brown, October 7, 1988, Portsmouth Friends, Virginia.

COX—Maggie Cox, November 21, 1988, Booker Friends, Texas.

DETWEILER—Mary Detweiler, 83, December 21, 1988, Bellefontaine Friends, Ohio.

ENGEMAN—Wendel Engeman, 81, January 17, 1989, Silvertown Friends, Oregon.

FEWLESS—Beulah Fewless, 84, January 31, 1989, Newberg, Oregon.

FRYE—Hester D. Frye, 88, December 6, 1988, Trinity Friends, Martinsville, Virginia.

HALL—Ron Hall, September 2, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

HARBERT—Anna Griffith Harbert, 83, January 16, 1989, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

HOLTON—Charles Holton, 70, October 23, 1988, Greenleaf Friends, Idaho.

JOHNSON—Clarence Johnson, 83, December 8, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

KING—Fern J. King, 84, November 25, 1988, Beloit Friends, Ohio.

KIRK—Charles Kirk, June 17, 1988, Alba Friends, Missouri.

LEATHERMAN—Pauline Leatherman, 84, January 21, 1989, Wadsworth, Ohio.

LEROY—Grace LeRoy, September 8, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

MC CON—Calvin McCon, October 7, 1988, East Goshen Friends, Salem, Ohio.

NEAL—Margie Hanks Neal, 44, November 21, 1988, Saxapahaw Friends, North Carolina.

NEAL—William Murry Neal (husband of Margie), 46, December 13, 1988, Saxapahaw Friends, North Carolina.

PAXSON—Albertine Paxson, 67, March 18, 1988, Argonia Friends, Kansas.

RANSBOTTOM—Clarence Ransbottom, 92, October 20, 1988, Independence Friends, Kansas.

RIDER—Keith Rider, 78, August 11, 1988, Alba Friends, Missouri.

ROBERTS—Marie Coffin Roberts, 79, January 10, 1989, Boise Friends, Idaho.

ROSS—Frank Ross, December 21, 1988, West Park Evangelical Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

ROSS—Matthew Ross, October 26, 1988, Pelham Friends, Welland, Ontario, Canada.

ROTH—Ruth Roth, 81, November 19, 1988, West Park Evangelical Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

SHAVER—Maudye Juanita Shaver, 84, December 16, 1988, Alum Creek Friends, Marengo, Ohio.

SMITH—Vincent Smith, 83, October 15, 1988, Fulton Creek Friends, Ohio.

SPARKS—Harold Sparks, 73, December 29, 1988, Fulton Creek Friends, Ohio.

SPENCER—Nina N. Spencer 97, October 1988, Emporia Friends, Kansas.

TATSCH—Harold Tatsch, October 1988, Peniel Friends, Onemo, Virginia.

TEAGUE—Alfred Teague, October 7, 1988, North Olmsted Friends, Ohio.

THORNTON—James Thornton, 79, October 20, 1988, Rollin Friends, Addison, Michigan.

WATTS—Ross Watts, 93, February 1, 1988, Alba Friends, Missouri.

WENTZELL—Ethel Wentzell, 85, October 20, 1988, West Park Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

WILSON—Bill Wilson, November 1988, Riverton Friends, Kansas.

OUR WORLDWIDE CHURCH FAMILY

Well-known Speakers, Vital Subjects to Highlight NAE Convention

Carol Stream, Illinois—"When Is Civil Disobedience Appropriate?" and "The AIDS Epidemic and Your Local Church" are just two segments of the opening and closing days of the 47th Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), scheduled for March 7-9, 1989, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.

Richard F. Schubert, president of the American Red Cross; Jay Kesler, president of Taylor University; and Harold O. J. Brown, professor of theology and ethics at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, are three of the renowned convention speakers during the first afternoon of the convention.

The convention theme, "Revive Your Church, O Lord," will be explored by plenary speakers Paul A. Cedar, senior pastor of Lake Avenue Congregational Church in Pasadena, California; David A. Seamands, best-selling author

and professor of pastoral ministry at Asbury Theological Seminary; and Oswald Hoffmann, who recently retired from his position as the voice of *The Lutheran Hour*.

Convention musical highlights will be provided by soloist Diane Susek, songleader Steve Musto, the Emmanuel College Singers, and the Ashland Theological Seminary Chapel Choir.

NAE is a voluntary association of individuals, denominations, churches, schools, and organizations dedicated to united action without theological compromise. NAE represents more than 50,000 local churches from 77 Protestant denominations. Headquarters is in Carol Stream, Illinois.

—National Association of
Evangelicals

Kampuchean Birth Attendants Attend Training Course

Kompong Trabek, Kampuchea—District health officials here recently asked Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) health workers to sponsor a training course for traditional birth attendants.

Twenty-six birth attendants, aged 40 to 70, attended the six-day course that included

lectures on hygiene, normal delivery, and dangerous pregnancies. Participants also learned practical skills such as proper hand washing, practiced deliveries and newborn care, and discussed nutrition, immunization, and breast feeding.

Traditional birth attendants are often more highly trusted than are the young trained midwives who work in the villages, according to MCC physician Hélène Hege. "Birth attendants have a lot of experience," she writes, "but they have almost no theoretical training. Often a woman and/or her child dies during delivery because of lack of hygiene or wrong procedures by a birth attendant," notes Hege, who is from Wissembourg, France.

"None of the women missed a class," wrote Hege. "Even the older ones wanted to learn more." One 70-year-old participant walked with a stick, noted Hege, but said she hoped to work a few more years. She planned to share her new knowledge with younger birth attendants who could not attend the course.

—Mennonite Central
Committee

explained an official of Planned Parenthood, the object of the demonstration. Also, county rules require extensive foster-home screening of child-care providers, which may not be justified by a three-week stint, officials said.

—National & International
Religion Report

Former First Lady Supports Religious Freedom for Soviets

Moscow, U.S.S.R.—Former first lady Rosalynn Carter was among participants in a Moscow meeting of the Executive Council of the East-West Conference on Human Rights, where she called on the Soviet Union to establish a legal system that would protect the religious freedoms of Soviet individuals. "What we would like to see in the Soviet Union, what the officials are working on, is a legal system or a legal code to protect the individual rights of the people we are talking about," she said at a news conference following the

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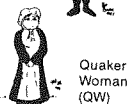
Who's a Criminal?

Fremont, California—An unusual sentence was imposed on 28 Operation Rescue demonstrators arrested in Fremont, California: a choice of paying fines of \$71.50 each, doing 16 hours of volunteer work, or providing housing for a homeless child for three weeks. Abortion foes and supporters alike hailed the judgment, but when 10 of the demonstrators, including several pastors, chose taking care of children, some pro-choicers had second thoughts. "I don't believe in criminals taking care of children,"

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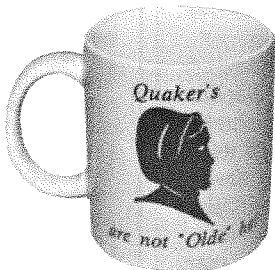
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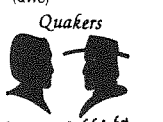
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January 16 meeting. Fyodor Burlatsky, head of the Soviet delegation, agreed with Carter that recent gains toward religious freedom need legal backing in the Soviet Union.

—E.P. News Service

Boys Who Burned Cross Must Help Rebuild Church

Belleville, Illinois—Two white teenagers who burned a cross on a black family's lawn have been ordered to help rebuild a black church that was destroyed by arson in an unrelated case.

In imposing the sentence late last year, Judge Milton S. Wharton of St. Clair County said, "I want you while you're working there to see what effect this type of behavior can have on innocent people. You'll be working right alongside of them."

The boys, aged 14 and 16, were ordered to spend 100 hours rebuilding the New Bethel A.M.E. Church of Rocky Fork, which was destroyed by fire October 18, 1988, for the second time in six months. A man who claims he thought the church was a place of devil worship has been charged with arson in that fire.

—E.P. News Service

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OUR WIDER FAMILY OF FRIENDS

YouthQuake: A Time for Caring and Communication

"I have a friend I'd like you to meet," said the man on the platform. "He's very sensitive, so a negative comment or a calloused response will quickly destroy him." And so Thom Schultz of Group Publishing introduced a twelve-foot diameter balloon to the crowd. Gently and carefully, hundreds of hands reached out to support the delicate mass of air as it was passed around the auditorium, everyone waiting for their chance to touch this "hurting friend." And in each touch there was a sense of confession and healing, as youth released the failures of their past insensitivities toward others and reached for a new awareness of the fragile people we each hide within ourselves.

Such was the scene at the closing worship service of YouthQuake '88, an event that brought over 350 high school youth together from across the nation to learn more about how our Quaker perspective of Christianity affects our lives today. The five-day conference was set in Denver, Colorado, and is the fourth such conference since 1975. The next national YouthQuake will take place in December of 1991 on the East Coast.

Each participant was assigned to a small group of six to eight people that met together twice a day. These "Family Groups" brought together students from all across the nation. At least six states were represented in each group.

The relationships that were built and the sharing that

occurred as people discussed their spiritual lives were a real highlight to the conference. The variety of the Family Groups also expressed some of the different "traditions" of Quakerism, and allowed the youth to investigate some of those differences.

Stan Thornburg from Reedwood Friends in Portland, Oregon, shared daily during the Bible Hour on the topic of "Living Dead People." This time was focused on the book of Romans and our responses to God. Over 50 workshops, taught by youth workers from many of the sponsoring yearly meetings, covered such topics as sexuality, devotions, missions, self-image, evangelism, and clowning. Special speakers, such as Thom and Joani Schultz from Group Publishing; Trevor Ferrel, who at age 11 started a ministry to homeless in inner-city Philadelphia, and Arturo Caranza from Southwest Yearly Meeting, challenged the participants each evening.

New Committee Picks Up Banner of FCWTC

The *Committee on Peace Concerns* is a new program of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas. As one of its first tasks, the new committee will take up the issue of military taxes and conscience, continuing the work begun by the Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns.

In September 1988, the Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns completed its three-year program and closed its Washington, D.C., office. Since 1985, the FCWTC has published a booklet series, a 230-page handbook, and a 90-page manual for employers. A number of conferences have been held under FCWTC sponsorship, both for individuals and for

employers of Quaker, Mennonite, and Brethren faith traditions. The FCWTC also has been a source of information for those seeking answers about the difficult issue of military taxes.

Quaker Emissary for Peace Passes On

Philadelphia—Elmore Jackson, Quaker emissary who once conducted secret shuttle diplomacy between Egypt's Prime Minister Nasser and Israel's political leader David Ben-Gurion, died January 17 at his home in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

The 78-year-old Jackson also worked on settling the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan and was a State Department official for four years.

He was well-known in international diplomatic circles.

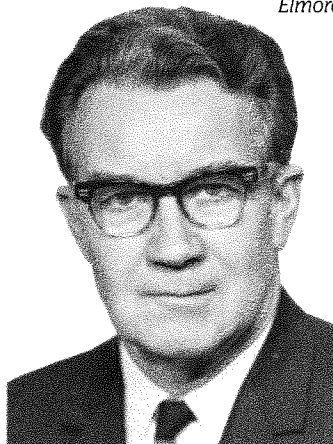
Jackson's 1983 book, *Middle East Mission, The Story of a*

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What happens to conscientious objectors in the Soviet Union?

Elmore Jackson



Major Bid for Peace in the Time of Nasser and Ben-Gurion, told of his 1955 shuttle mission between the two leaders, undertaken at Egyptian initiative with Israeli encouragement and the strong support of the U.S. government.

Jackson helped initiate the Quaker program at the United Nations, New York, and served as its first director from 1948 to 1961.

Born in Marengo County, Ohio, Jackson, a Quaker, graduated from the Greenleaf (Quaker high school) Academy in Greenleaf, Idaho, in 1927, received a bachelor's degree from Pacific (now George Fox) College, Newberg, Oregon, in 1931 and a Master of Divinity Degree from Yale Divinity School in 1934. He was a Ph.D. candidate from 1934 to 1936 at the Yale University Graduate School, where he was a University Fellow in Government.

Jackson was married in 1934 to Elisabeth Averill, who survives, as do two daughters, Karen Williams, Athens, Ohio, and Gail Jackson, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A Quaker memorial service will be held at Wrightstown Friends Meeting near Newtown, where Jackson was a member, at a date in June, to be arranged.

Russian Youth Discovers Quaker Identity Through Encyclopedia

Teen-aged Roman Ulyanitsky knew that military life was not

for him. A Christian, he felt that he could not kill under any circumstances. However, not even his Christian family supported his beliefs.

In 1986 he met a Quaker tourist from the Iowa Conservative Yearly Meeting who gave him a "traveling minute" of greeting. Roman noticed great differences between Quakerism and the Baptist and Orthodox churches he was familiar with. Looking up Quakers in an encyclopedia, he realized how much his views resembled those of Quakerism. Roman and his two closest friends "became" Quakers and mounted a sign—"Moscow Friends Flat"—on their apartment door.

A year later, Roman, then 18, was called up for military service. After much prayer and discussion with his friends, he asked to be excused on the grounds that he was a Christian and therefore could not kill. Offered a noncombatant position, Roman explained that he was unable to serve in any capacity.

As a result, Roman was sent to a psychiatric hospital "for tests" before he was to receive a prison sentence. Instead, doctors injected him with powerful drugs and kept him medicated for almost a month. The drugs began to affect a minor heart condition, so Roman was released. Today, due to his psychiatric record, he is unable to find a job.

Roman is not alone. Currently, approximately 20 conscientious objectors are jailed or in psychiatric hospitals. The Soviet Union has no program for alternative service. As the government works to rewrite its laws, some Soviet lawyers believe that an alternative-service program will be developed. However, they presume that it will be longer and more difficult than military service to

discourage those who simply don't want to fight. Until then, Quakers and others like Roman Ulyanitsky will be severely persecuted for their convictions.

FUM Wrestles with Controversy

When Friends United Meeting met in commission and board meetings last year they were faced with several difficult decisions, the most potentially divisive of which was "Should Quaker Volunteer Witness hire homosexuals?" After much prayer and discussion the following statement was approved:

"A. We affirm the civil rights of all people to secular employment, housing, education and health care without regard to their sexual orientation. In particular, we condemn violence, whether verbal or physical, against homosexuals, and call for their full protection under the civil rights laws.

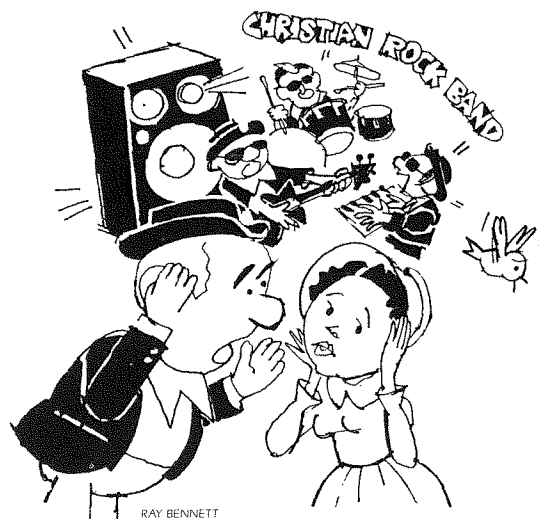
"B. We reaffirm our traditional testimonies of peace, simplicity, truth speaking, gender and racial equality, personal integrity, fidelity, chastity,

and community. We recognize that there is diversity among us on issues of sexuality. For the purpose of our corporate life together, we affirm our traditional testimony that sexual intercourse should be confined to the bonds of marriage, which we understand to be between one man and one woman.

"C. The lifestyle of volunteers under appointment to Quaker Volunteer Witness, regardless of their sexual orientation, should be in accordance with these testimonies.

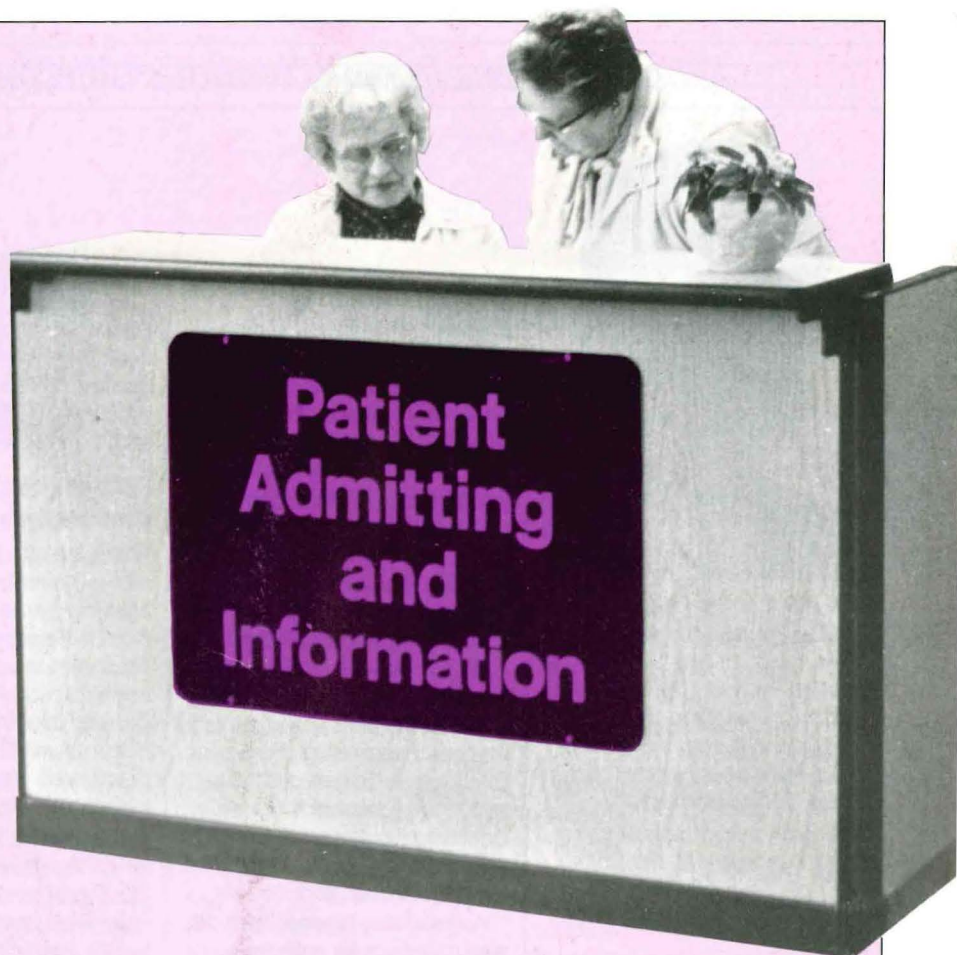
"D. These policies are based on Friends beliefs as interpreted by Friends United Meeting since its beginning." (Quoted from minutes of the General Board.)

Another controversial decision was that FUM will not use general funds to pay penalties or legal fees incurred by FUM personnel if the Internal Revenue Service levies penalties because of the employee's withholding tax payments due to conscientious objection to war taxes. Instead individuals within FUM would be solicited for contributions, if it happens.



*"I think our Youth Minister misunderstood . . .
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I Hate to Admit It, BUT . . .



BY STAN THORNBURG

NOT LONG ago I visited a friend in the hospital. As I was leaving, I happened to walk by a large area over which there was the sign, "Admitting." I thought that seemed like an absolutely wonderful opportunity so I went in and sat down.

Before long a gentle-looking woman took the seat across the counter from me, told me her name was Helen Stanton, and asked how she could help me. "Am I in the right place for admitting?" I asked. She assured me that I was.

"Well, I'd like to start out by admitting that I have a pretty bad temper and that because of it I hurt my wife's feelings quite often."

Helen interrupted to ask my name, address, and phone number.

"Not only that," I continued, "but I often tend to sulk and act childish when I don't get my way."

The second interruption was for my social security number.

"Would you like me to quit talking until you get all the information you need?"

"No, go right ahead if you like," Helen said, "what about your place of employment?"

"Boy, you know how to get to the heart of the issue, don't you! You are absolutely right . . . my attitude there is even worse! Sometimes I am really embarrassed later by the things I say at work, and I think that contributes to my bad temper at home."

Helen asked if I had been referred by a doctor. I told her I had just seen the sign and walked in. We had a

great laugh. She must really enjoy her work.

As we talked, Helen seemed to ask just the right questions. About my next of kin, my family, my health, my financial situation. She seemed to know just the areas of stress in my life that might be contributing to my problem.

Before long I felt like a great weight had been lifted from me and I stood, shook Helen's hand, and left feeling terrific.

Since then I have thought that it was rather odd that one should have to go to the hospital for admitting. Perhaps we Quakers ought to try something revolutionary and set up something for admitting in local meetings. I think that might draw us closer together and perhaps

break down some of the barriers that tend to build up between us.

I'm not sure why I had never admitted any of these things to the folks in my church. Maybe I feel intimidated because it seems like none of the others have any problems like mine. I wonder how they do it? I wonder why I'm unable to live up to what I believe is right? Something must be wrong with my faith or my commitment. I think I'll stop by and ask Helen about it. While I'm there I think I'll admit that I cheated on my income tax return; I've been wanting to get that off my chest for a long time . . . **EF**

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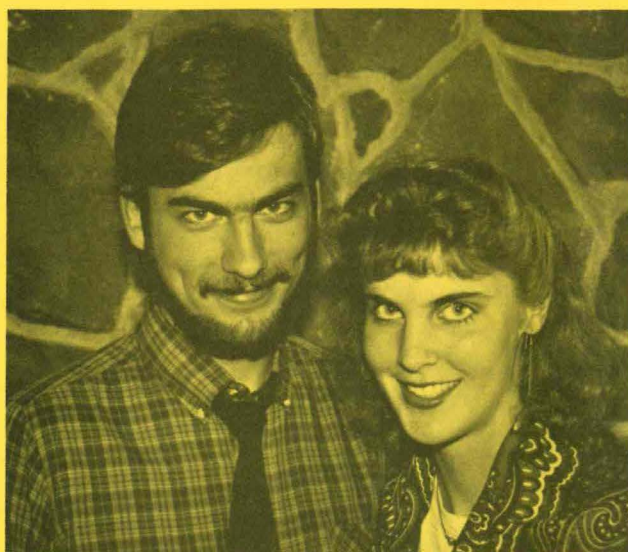
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The Miracle Goes On . . .

Sunday morning, March 5, was the Grand Opening Sunday of **West Hills Friends Church** (formerly Maplewood) in Southwest Portland. It was exciting!



Michael and Erica Huber, pastors, West Hills Friends Church.

Anticipation began building as all day Saturday the core group completed the final touches on building improvement and decorations. With the cleaning and painting done, flowers in place, plants and banners hung, and the heat on; each waited anxiously for morning. Would people really come to church because of a phone call and five mailings? Well, the answer is **YES!** There were 155 present.

Since last fall the Board of Evangelism of Northwest Yearly Meeting has been involved in three church plant/renewal projects. This is made possible only because of the prayer, support, and physical help from so many people across the Yearly Meeting. This is definitely something we cannot do separately, but **must** work together in order to effectively plant new Friends churches in the Northwest.

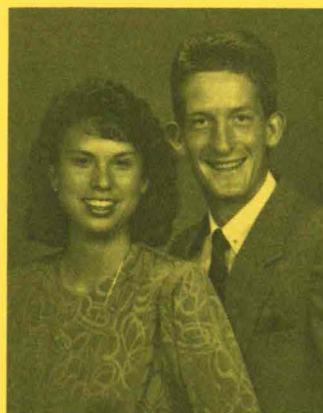
The next area targeted for a new church is Springfield/Eugene. Plans call for a pastor

beginning groundwork July 1, with a November 5 Grand Opening.

Mountain View in Vancouver began on November 6. This congregation, averaging 65 in attendance, has developed several small groups



Steve, Jill, Donna, and Brad Wood, pastor and family, Mountain View Friends Church.



Deana and Jeff Vandenhoeck, associate pastors, Mountain View Friends Church.

that include a ladies' Bible study, men's breakfast group, and two home care groups. The youth program is strong, and people are beginning to take active leadership in the planning and carrying on the ministry of this congregation.

East Hill in Kent opened December 11. The congregation has responded well to ladies' activities/ministries, pastor's classes, children's programs, and small group development. A couple has recently stepped forward to lead the youth program. East Hill is averaging 90 in attendance.



Katie, Rick, Tiffany, Judie, and Kimberly Hayes, pastor and family, East Hill Friends Church.

Lord, thank You for the privilege and challenge You give to us to make disciples in Your name. Continue to give wisdom and guidance as we accept the responsibility of discipling these You have entrusted into our care.

New Brochure on Friends Belief

A 16-page tract containing a brief history of Northwest Yearly Meeting, a statement of what Friends believe, and the Queries is now available from Barclay Press. This new piece, produced by the Department of Christian Testimonies, places key information from *Faith and Practice* into a very convenient form. It is a valuable item for all church members and particularly helpful for membership classes and other inquirers. This tract is available from Barclay Press, 600 East Third, Newberg, Oregon 97123 for \$25.00 per 100 (or \$.40 each).

For Your Information

Extension pastors and spouses, along with pastors of some of the smaller churches in the Yearly Meeting, will share together in a retreat setting April 11-13. This annual retreat, sponsored by the Board of Evangelism, is for personal support and development of extension church leadership.

Melva Baker, who along with her husband, **Fred**, pastored in Northwest Yearly Meeting for many years, passed away on February 23.

Julia Retherford passed away March 8 in Tacoma, Washington, following an extended illness. **John** and Julia recently retired from active pastoral ministry.

At their Midyear Board meetings, the Board of Missions unanimously agreed to the appointment of **Roscoe and Tina Knight** to serve a one-to two-year term as "field administrators" over both Bolivia and Peru. Because of their vast missionary experience, Roscoe and Tina will be able to immediately give assistance to the national church leaders as well as support our missionaries. The Board does not have funds within the budget to cover the Knights' expenses. If your congregation or individuals within each church wish to assist in their support, please contact the Yearly Meeting office.

The 1989 **Easter Offering** goal is \$80,000 to be used to plant new churches in Rwanda. The foundation has been laid and the walls are on their way up for the church and office headquarters in Kigali. Last year's Easter offering raised \$115,000 for this project.

Churches in Pastoral Transition

At this mid-March date, several churches are in the process of determining pastoral leadership for the 1989-90 church year:

Entiat

Medford

Nampa

North Valley

Rose Valley

Roseburg

Rosedale

Silver Valley

South Salem

Talent

Woodland

Please pray for these congregations as they work through this process, and then adjust to new pastoral leadership.

New Address

The Yearly Meeting Office and Barclay Press are now using their street address for mail. Instead of using the post office boxes, please address mail to 600 East Third Street, Newberg, OR 97132-3106.