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The New General Education Board



The Challenge of New Board of General Education

By Kenneth M. Williams

RECENTLY, in a Junior High school the Dean of Girls handed to a home room teacher a note which was from an eighth grade girl to her boy friend asking him to have illicit relations with her. This was her way of telling him how much she loved him. In another situation an eighth grade boy was overheard expressing the hope that he had not been responsible for the pregnancy of an eighth grade girl friend. These are not entirely isolated instances, but typical of the nature of relations which exist between thirteen and fourteen year old boys and girls in our society today. A teacher commenting on this situation asked, "What causes this, and what can we do about it?" General reaction of public school teachers is that they do not know what to do about it.

People in public schools and in work with juvenile courts are acutely aware of the problems among youth, and they know that these are the symptoms of a problem deeper than just poor environment. The lack of character and high standards of conduct exhibited by the young people in our society can be directly related to the fact that sin has taken over in our Christian nation. We cannot expect to see a return to morality until we experience a true revival of faith in God's standards of living for our nation.

The judicial department of our government has so tampered with the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the constitution that people in places of public responsibility are afraid to do much in the way of religious instruction. Teachers in public schools can do much, if they will, to instruct youth in religious standards. Too many hide behind the Supreme Court decisions and fail to "let their lights shine" for their Lord. This writer has taken a definite stand for Christian principles in three different public

schools, and in each case the principals have encouraged him in the work he has done with students. Many other public school teachers give the same testimony. Christian people in positions in public institutions who are recognized as being superior persons in their areas should exert every possible effort to influence the policies in public schools, juvenile courts, and other related institutions. The first task of every Christian person is to live for Jesus Christ. He should consider his vocation as a channel through which he can exert Christian influence in the community in which he lives and works.

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Calling All Baby Sitters

TIMOTHY may have come from a broken home. He at least was brought up by a Christian mother, and Eunice may well have had a hard time of it for her husband is described as "a Greek" (Acts 16:1), which means he was a nonbeliever.

Tradition has it that Eunice was widowed while Timothy was still a youngster. This may have been why Paul more or less adopted him as his son. At any rate, Eunice had an uphill marriage and from her example and success can come encouragement for the numerous mothers nowadays trying to make their homes Christian without much cooperation. Since human nature has not changed a great deal, there must have been many nights and days when Eunice despaired of ever being an adequate parent to bring up a Christian boy when that boy so much needed the example and disciplining of a father. But she and her mother, Lois, made their home together and it was surely a God-centered home, instructing young Timothy in the faith.

From time to time, people ask the pastor, "Should I be teaching religion in my home? Why, I thought that was a job of the Sunday school." The point is that some sort of religion is being taught in every home. It may be bad religion, or it may be good religion. If your goal is success and money, then that is your religion. If it is pleasure, that is your religion. Whatever holds greatest interest in our lives, that is what we worship, it can become our god.

Basically, this means that unless your religion is happening at home, it simply is not happening. Psychologists tell us that children learn eight times more by watching than by any other way. By watching their parents they are learning fast. The question is, what?

Eunice shows the power of a Christian home, that faith is a family affair. Paul, writing to Timothy, mentions how grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice have planted the seeds of a genuine faith in him as a boy.

We need more Eunices today, in the Friends Church. Even when fathers are Christians, it seems they are away more and more in swing-shift, moonlighting and overtime jobs. The result in American culture is that the wife is becoming father and mother, assuming the greater part of counseling, disciplining and teaching of the children. So if there is going to be much Christian instruction in our homes, it simply will have to happen through the Eunices.

At last when Timothy was well instructed, grown and ready to help his mother, God called him away to missionary service. Eunice probably had a thousand reasons why he should not go with Paul. There were the practical bread-and-butter reasons, she also knew only too well the danger involved. Timothy was all she had, she was all wrapped up in him. But she let him go, even sent him and thus becomes the perfect example of a Christian parent. Someone has said, "Parents are only baby-sitters for God."

In his unpredictable way of speaking out, octegenarian Quaker minister Fredric Carter shares some thoughts for readers of the Northwest Friend. Following on the heels of Minister's Conference and in the season of pastoral changes, his concern may prove to be provocative.

LET'S FIRE THE PREACHER

By Fredric E. Carter

A YOUTHFUL member of a Friends meeting expressed concern that he be put on the committee of ministerial oversight. When asked "Why?", he replied, "I want to help fire the preacher."

It seems opportune that some one attempt to analyze this problem of pastoral change in a way to be fair both to minister and congregation. I have witnessed a great many such changes, and aided many ministers to re-locate in new fields of service.

In some cases the minister alone is to blame for having to move. It is also true that some churches have a reputation for being so hard to please that ministers shy away from accepting their call. In almost every case, one or all of the following criticisms were made. Some were valid reasons, others, excuses.

REASONS GIVEN FOR CHANGE OF PASTOR:

No. 1 - "WE DO NOT GET MUCH OUT OF HIS SERMONS"

No. 2 - "HE REPEATS HIMSELF SO MUCH IN HIS SERMONS"

No. 3 - "WE WANT A PREACHER WHO CAN STIR US, ONE WHO FAIRLY LIFTS US OFF OUR SEATS"

No. 4 - "OUR PREACHER JUST DOES NOT APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE"

Consider No. 1 -

"WE DO NOT GET MUCH OUT OF HIS SERMONS"

Indulge me to speak frankly to US as ministers starting with myself. Well do I remember a monthly meeting when a man stood up and said, "I do not get much out of Carter's sermons." My concern grows out of some painful as well as educational experiences—mostly forgotten—all forgiven! Time is a great healer!

They say "Confession is good for the soul." In order that no man can accuse me of being one-sided, I confess, here and now, **THAT MAN WAS RIGHT.** He had reason for his criticism.

Fair judgment for both sides of this question requires that we abandon all prejudice and personal feelings. Perhaps this is too much to expect. The fact that this man was not in sympathy with an evangelical ministry was no excuse for some mediocre sermons to which he had to listen. If and when I meet him in heaven I shall thank him. I'm sorry I wasn't big enough to do it then.

Sympathy with the pastor leads me to say—A member who is interested only in a social gospel will not get much out of an evangelistic sermon. It is also true that the preacher will not be popular with that element, unless he specializes on peace and social service, which of course should be a part of every minister's preaching. But let us not forget, nor be turned from "THE MAIN WORK OF THE WHOLE CHURCH, WHICH IS THE WINNING OF SOULS TO JESUS CHRIST."

No. 2 - Reason or Excuse

"HE REPEATS HIMSELF SO MUCH IN HIS SERMONS"

Being prejudiced in favor of the preacher does not close my eyes to the fact that some of US clutter our sermons with galaxies of adjectives like, "wonderful," "marvelous," "beautiful," "fantastic," plus a time-consuming profusion of words which become monotonous; (there we edged in another adjective) You've heard US do it.

Come Saturday night, nothing done on Sunday's sermon; in desperation begin throwing scattered ideas together; read up on a half dozen illustrations; scratch down a few notes. Next morning stand up and read a

lengthy scripture lesson; spend ten minutes on announcements. GET BY! Then come year end, and we feel sorry for ourselves, because its "GOOD BYE PREACHER MOVE ON."

Like Dicken's "Little Joe" in his Bleak House, when the policeman said, "Move on Little Joe, move on," Little Joe replies, "Where, Sir, can I be-a-movin on, Sir?"

Back in Indiana when \$600 was six times that amount today, a concerned Friend visited meetings in an effort to raise pastors' salaries. He listened to a lot of sermons and reported that in his opinion that pastors were not underpaid. Were I to come into a million dollars tomorrow, I'd visit every meeting where we have served and pay them back every red penny; with the understanding that it would all go to missions. I would still have the bulk of my million.

There is no excuse for poverty of material with which to build interesting, constructive, spiritual sermons. Those who do not pay the price in preparation are to be pitied as well as blamed.

A woman said to me, "Our pastor repeats himself by using the same thought again and again, only doing it with a different assortment of words. I have gotten so, that after he makes his first statement, I let my mind go away and try to arrive back in time for his next set of repeats. That's something like the old song,

"When he pounds on the Bible
And raises a shout,
We know at that moment
His bobbin's run out."

I had a very dear friend who made only two moves in fifty years of pastoral work. His third was when he retired. His congregation gave him an expensive automobile and urged him to remain. He preached the Bible and was a man of prayer. There were some, at first, who objected to his manuscript sermons which were capably written and eloquently delivered. They were free from wearisome repetitions and paddings. As one remarked, "Every line was a punch line."

Sam Williams had the best band in Indiana. I used to call on him when I was pastor in Winchester. They said he was cruel to his son, Jan, because he locked him in a room and made him practice long hours every day. One day Sam gave Jan railroad fare and tickets to a concert to be given in Chicago by the great John Philip Sousa.

Arriving in Chicago, Jan saw by the paper that Sousa's cornettist was ill and could not play that night. He went to Sousa's apartment and offered to substitute, saying, "I can play the part." The great leader listened to him an hour and said, "You are hired."

Next day Sam Williams received a telegram from Jan saying, "I have signed a contract to play with Sousa's band on tour around the world." For years Jan Williams and the great Damrosk have operated the famous half-million dollar musical colony in the Catskills.

Jan Williams career was the result of long hours of patient toil, bowing, as it were, "At The Altar of Melody." Michelangelo, artist, sculptor and architect—Master in all three—for years began work "a great while before day" often in unheated rooms, where with cold fingers he carved his dreams in stone.

Whether in building the cathedral of St. Peter or a master sermon, "THERE IS NO EXCELLENCY WITHOUT GREAT LABOR." If scientists work among test tubes until dawn, why shouldn't ministers feel the same Divine urge to preach great sermons? Let us as ministers appreciate the privilege of preaching the Glorious Gospel.

Carved in stone over the tomb of the great Bishop Quale are these words: "ALLOWED OF GOD TO BE A MINISTER OF JESUS."

No. 3 - Excuse for Change

"WE WANT A MINISTER WHO CAN
STIR US, ONE WHO FAIRLY LIFTS
US OFF OUR SEATS"

First, let me say to US as ministers, the lack of knee-drill; burning midnight oil and "Sleepless-ness-unto-prayer," will NEVER produce a "fire-power" in the pulpit strong enough to lift even a light weight, to say nothing of what it takes to elevate a 250 pound gormandizer.

Secondly, that member who demands that his pastor preach so powerfully; that "he be lifted," is really asking too much, considering the avoirdupois of the "lift-ee". That heavy weight seat warmer, whose spiritual batteries are ZERO, would be a heart breaking load for even a Henry Ward Beecher to hoist off his air-foam cushion.

May I be forgiven, but I'm thinking of an electrical gadget under the "lift-ee's" cushion attached to a push button on the pulpit,

convenient to the thumb of the preacher. That I'd like to see.

Sometimes I picture the "pull-pit" where the preacher is down in a PIT sweating blood at a crank operating an ESCULATOR, lifting his congregation up to heaven—I hope.

No. 4 - Excuse for Pastoral Change

"OUR PASTOR JUST DOES NOT APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE"

We have endured all four of these charges; sometimes they were just plain excuses, and heart-breakingly unjust. Looking back upon fifty years, we say without boasting, "This charge was seldom used to fire the preacher."

Tempting, though it is, here is no place to detail our work with young people, and we know that many pastors can justly make like claims. Older people sometimes felt we were given too much to youth care and activities; a criticism, which when it was made, usually called forth "A GOLDEN AUTUMN BANQUET" or a whirlwind of pastoral visitation on shut-in's. You might say a "Senior Citizen courtship."

Even so, we make no claim to have ever tried very hard to solve the problem of those who grow old-in-spirit, while still young in years. Born on a sleepless night came my poem "BABIES IN THE CHURCH." (Not to be published here.)

CONCLUSION

If I could go back into pastoral work I would set up a "talk-back-discussion-group" where people could ask questions and offer suggestions, and pray that I would be big enough to profit thereby. I believe such could bring about a better understanding of the pastor's message.

There are two considerations which should stand in exact balance between Pastor and Meeting.

First - The pastor must labor, pray and preach the Everlasting Gospel, and see to it, that, in-so-far as possible that the "ministry be not blamed."

Secondly - Members should listen with respect, maintain an open mind, and prayerful, to grasp the minister's meaning. Listen NOT to refute or deny, but to understand and appreciate.

It is also well to remember that God has said, "Touch not mine anointed and do my Prophets no harm."

The reason Michael the Archangel, "Durst not bring a railing accusation against the Devil" was because it does the railer no good, and makes narry a dent on the Devil's armor.

Thanks for listnin'. We expect some will be offended in us, but we will feel bountifully repaid if some day we can know that some young preacher has been inspired to pray much, study hard and do his dead level best.

Book Review

By Arthur O. Roberts

The Roman Catholic church stands on the threshold of a new era. Whether it will repudiate the authoritarian and anachronistic forms into which it was molded at Trent and at Vatican I, and change from the patterns of the last several centuries, is an open question. Among those from within the Roman church who hope passionately for the sort of reform which Pope John desired to pave the way for general Christian reunion is a vigorous young German scholar (at Tübingen), Hans Kung.

THE COUNCIL IN ACTION (New York: Sheed and Ward, 1963; 267 pp, \$4.50) is his latest book. The earlier one, REFORM AND REUNION, and this present one are interpretations of the council in prospect and in process. Kung is both an interpreter and a protagonist of a position of liberalism (concerning the structure of the church), hence his hopes probably reflect the "outer limits" for possible achievement by this important council. After establishing the meaning of an ecumenical council, and distinguishing between the people chosen of God as the true ecumenical council and the councils convened by men, Kung deals with specific issues of pending reform, including liturgical changes and decentralization of power into the hands of the bishops. He feels that valid Protestant "protests" at the time of Luther can be met by the following: (1) a closer approximation to the New Testament pattern of the Last Supper in the service of the Mass, by stripping off medieval "bowings and scrapings"; (2) the use of preaching for hearing the word of God; (3) participation in worship by the whole congregation; (4) and adaptation to the needs of various peoples, as through the use of the vernacular (he is unmerciful in his attack on his church's use of Latin).

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America is suffering because our once Christian nation, which was established on Christian principles, has been besieged by forces which are endeavoring to secularize our entire society. Secularization means that man is taught to live on a materialistic earthly plane rather than a spiritual one. How many citizens of America, including far too many Christians, live for the things of this world, forgetting that "he who finds life shall lose it"?

We are reaping the harvest of what we have sown in the effort being made to remove God from everything in the thinking of educated men. This war of philosophies started in the colleges and universities of our nation. But those who graduated became leaders in our schools, in our churches, and they became mothers and fathers in our homes, so that children were influenced from the cradle on to strive for the things of this world. We cannot lay the blame on modernistic churches or secularized schools without recognizing our own shortcomings in establishing true Christian standards for children in our own homes.

It would seem that at the present time the enemy has won the major battles in his effort to secularize our nation. But we who believe that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe and of all life and society, and we who believe that Jesus should reign as Saviour and Lord of our lives individually, have not lost the war! There are signs of revival. This is not a revival occurring in the churches of our nation, but a revival that finds its expression in the thinking of statesmen, educators, business and professional people, as they bolster their forces to preserve the religious heritage of our land. These people have come to realize that to remove God from society does not leave a void, but that some other philosophy enters to fill the vacancy. Thus, ideals of humanism, pragmatism, paganism, and other such materialistic philosophies have taken over where true Christian philosophy of life has been abandoned. In a society which professes to believe in God, but which has established other ideals, the result has been chaos and confusion. Many leaders of our society have come to realize that our society is without a sure foundation. Numerous articles appear in current literature asking what has happened to America's standards. Our nation is accused of ceasing to believe in itself,

of taking a cynical attitude toward its established institutions, and of treating its traditions with scorn. Recognition of blight and decay in society as evidenced in the effort to secure learning without effort, wages without work, and privileges without responsibilities have been brought to the attention of the public.

Yet another area of concern to national leaders is the lack of belief in anything which is evidenced by our youth. They cannot defend their belief in their country, in their culture, or in their particular way of life. They appear to be drifters and followers without purpose and without aim. This lack of a sure foundation and lack of aim and purpose in life is a cause for our society wandering in a fog of confusion through a deep morass of tangled philosophical debris to an unknown destination. Some authors are calling the cause of this decaying condition by the name of sin. They suggest that our nation revive the idea that there is such a thing as sin, and they suggest that we accept the known remedy for sin. The age of offenders is becoming younger and younger, and leaders are at a loss to be able to do anything about it.

Our contention is that something can be done about it! You and I are the very ones who are best prepared to conquer this problem. Our preparation is in our knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives. But

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Relief Totals \$946

The service committee of the Yearly Meeting wishes to express its appreciation to each one for the response to the relief project for this year. The \$946.00 which has come in to date is enough to send two carloads of food to the hungry of Formosa.

Wendell L. Rockey, executive director of the World Relief Commission sent his thanks: "Receiving a contribution of this kind most certainly challenges us in our service for mankind to do a greater work for the glory of our precious Lord. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for this generous donation."

We pray that the Gospel tracts which accompany the food will reach the hearts of those who receive them.

WHAT does the pastor's wife have to offer "her" congregation?—the greatest gift of all: love. Cold individuals will thaw under its warmth, the uncooperative will respond as they sense the sincerity of it, others will emerge from a shell of indifference or reserve, and many will find needed self-confidence as they realize someone cares for them as individuals. Even the antagonists, openly hostile to the church in general, this one in particular, or certain individuals within it—perhaps the pastor or his wife!—may find themselves becoming tolerant, friendly, under the divinely directed force of love turned in their direction.

Admittedly, all this love does not come naturally. But one of the greatest attributes of a pastor's wife is a genuine liking for people. Probably God will not have called her into such a public ministry without this quality. But what a miracle He can bring about in making up for any lack along this line, and adding to the love for others already present within her. The often-heard admonition, "Start praying for someone and you will soon be loving him," has been proved over and over. Some in a congregation who are most in need of the loving personal interest of the pastor's wife are the most difficult to be with. But as she brings them before the Father in prayer, a great surge of love wells up within her, brought by the Holy Spirit, and a new warmth comes into personal contacts with these whom she has almost avoided heretofore.

There are always the lonely, who crave, and need, special attention. And occasionally there may be one who monopolizes the time and attention of the minister's wife, having found in her the source of love usually supplied by family and friends. How to deal with such an individual is sometimes a problem. The temptation is to be "firm but kind" and allow just a certain amount of time. But in personal experiences along this line, the Holy Spirit has checked this impulse and urged instead patience and understanding. The results in these instances have been rewarding, with the individual emerging from a period of over-dependency into more normal self-reliance. The "clinging" tendency often manifests itself in long visits at the parsonage. Of course, the busy pastor's wife cannot stop her work to "entertain" the visitor each time, after the initial consultations and prayer. Therapy, however, often comes through cheerful conversation while going ahead with household tasks, perhaps offering the visitor a chance to help. Through

THE MINISTRY OF THE PASTOR'S WIFE

The second in a series

By Marjorie Crisman

being introduced among the minister's wife's wide circle of friends and acquaintances, the "clinging vine" may herself find new friends, broaden her interests, and become absorbed in a place of service in the church. Certainly such a result makes worthwhile any inconveniences the pastor's wife may have suffered in helping the lonely individual find a surer footing among people.

It is a healthy sign when a church's doors are open all during the week, with workers coming and going, ministering to many age and interest groups: boys and girls clubs, prayer meetings, choir and orchestra practices, women's groups, Sunday school class activities, work projects. With all of these, the pastor's wife can so well fill her time that she finds no need for participating in community and inter-church activities. It is often a case of, "Which of these conflicting meetings shall I attend?" But one wonders about the wisdom of shutting out these "outside" opportunities of service.

Certainly the influence of a godly woman in P. T. A. groups, community service clubs,

etc. can be far-reaching. By taking an active part, she can help shape the policies of these groups, often made up of civic-minded women who are willing and eager to follow Christian suggestions, though they may not have originated the ideas themselves. A crusade against teen-age drinking and smoking in a community, or obscene literature, or wild parties may go farther when sponsored by a service organization than when by the church. And many times P. T. A. groups, in a rut when it comes to money-making projects, will gladly try a talent show, amateur play or concert instead of the usual dance, raffle or "carnival" made up chiefly of Bingo-type games of chance.

By participating actively in these worthwhile projects, the pastor's wife often helps in developing a wholesome image of the church in the minds of worldly people of the community, who may have had a distorted view of it as being "against everything." Sad to say, the only contact with the church which many individuals have is their acquaintance with Christians whom they meet in secular organizations. But a godly witness often makes a real impact, and when death or sickness comes, a woman may turn for spiritual help to the pastor whose wife she met on a P. T. A. committee. Or, feeling the need of spiritual help, she may seek more than a casual acquaintance with this one in whom she recognizes consistent Christian living, and may eventually be won to the Lord. Whole families have been brought into the church through such contacts.

To some she is known as "our minister's wife," to others, "the wife of the pastor of the Friends Church," but to a small group—the most important in her life—she is "Mother," the one around whom home revolves. Parsonage life is somewhat akin to goldfish-bowl living, so Mother must be more than an average success at rearing her children and keeping house or she will soon have a "reputation" among well-meaning, but sometimes critical, members of the congregation. "Too lenient," "too strict," "doesn't know how to discipline," "never gets the beds made," "dust on piano and table tops," "spends too much money for groceries," these and other comments may be whispered behind her back. Though her reaction to such criticism may be, "It's none of their business!" the fact remains that she and her family are open to public inspection, and part of her ministry to the church is to have a well-kept home and well-mannered children of whom the people need not be ashamed.

Though sometimes "preacher's kids" are ringleaders in mischief, problems to Sunday school teachers and Christian Endeavor sponsors, it is often due to indulgent congregations who have admired them since babyhood, placing them on a pedestal. With their energies channeled in the right direction these children can be real assets to their parents, drawing school friends into the church and taking places of leadership among the youth. Though their pastor parents often don't have the time they would like to spend with their children, these youngsters do have the advantage of a godly home where conversation and activities are centered around the church, and the loving interest of many fine Christian people who are almost "second parents." Friends ministers may wish for their boys and girls more of the things money can buy, but these same children can be rich in the spiritual heritage of a happy home without friction between parents, where problems are prayed over, and where visible answers to prayer stimulate strong faith in the God Who sees the needs of His children and meets them.

Quaker Minister's Wife Honored by Colorado

A QUAKER minister's wife, familiar to Oregon Yearly Meeting members, has just been named Colorado's 1964 Mother of the Year according to a release in the Denver Post. Mrs. John M. Retherford of Denver, will be honored at a luncheon May 2. Later she will go to New York where she and other state mothers will be feted and the National "Mother of the Year" will be named.

John and Julia Retherford were pastors at Vancouver First Friends in Washington for two years. They are the pastors at Denver First Friends at present where Mrs. Retherford is busy in many church activities.

Mrs. Retherford is one of nine children born to a Quaker minister. Because of parental illness and death, she was forced to assume full responsibilities of the household at an early age.

The Retherfords' three daughters, Judy, Patsy and Dixie, all attended George Fox College. Each daughter's husband graduated from G. F. C. with the 1963 class: Dan Nolte (Judy's husband) is now pastor at the Friends Church, Svensen, Oregon; Ken Kumasawa, (Patsy's) is living in Newberg, hoping to enter pastoral work next year; Ken Davis, (Dixie's) now in business in Denver.

The Retherfords have held pastorates in other yearly meetings and also were Friends missionaries in Africa. For those wishing to write Mrs. Retherford the address is 4995 Newton, Denver 21, Colo.

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just this is not sufficient. We must transfer this knowledge of Christ into a vital living reality in our respective communities.

If we are to spread this knowledge of vital Christian living we are going to have to take that kind of living into our world. Too many of us for too long have been too content to live fine Christian lives in our homes, work diligently in our churches, and let the rest of the world carry on civic and community responsibilities. Our Quaker forefathers were highly respected leaders in their communities and their leadership was recognized in their society. It is time for us to take our living example of the success of Christian principles into our communities today by becoming active in civic affairs. How many of us belong to parent teacher organizations? How many of us would be willing to become precinct workers for our political party and really work to help elect candidates who stand for the principles of right? We must become active participants in community life by joining actively in P. T. A., by voting on school issues, by taking an active part in city and county and state government, by running for offices, and by taking our stand for what we know is right.

The opportunities for service are legion. Today, too many people seek and win positions in community and civic life for personal aggrandizement and make decisions based on purely personal motives. You and I should be seeking these positions of leadership because we know truth in Christ as the One who guides us. Decisions made for the welfare of our society based on sure knowledge of God's direction will make the difference between progress and decay in the moral life of our nation. It has been graphically demonstrated that true Christian people can accomplish much if we can but recruit Christian people who will be willing to do battle for the cause of justice and right. The world is crying for our help. We can no longer sit home complaining about terrible conditions; we must get out on the firing line working to defeat the enemy - sin - in our public life.

Where does the Board of General Education enter this picture? This Board is charged with the responsibility of education of our youth. Education begins with the precepts and examples established in the homes. What mothers and fathers are in their homes depends quite largely on the

educational experiences those parents have had. Therefore, one of our main areas of concern deals with the need for encouraging Christian education in our Yearly Meeting. There is a drastic need for parents to realize the vital necessity for young people to have a Christ-centered education. Too many parents are too concerned that their children must attend big name colleges and state universities where they can secure the best technological instruction, forgetting that we are following the popular trend of educating them for materialistic values, which are for this life only. One of the tasks of the Board of General Education in particular is to help the constituency of Oregon Yearly Meeting realize the tremendous worth of George Fox College.

The college has made tremendous strides under the leadership of President Milo Ross. Much of this success has been due to the prayers of concerned faithful members of the Yearly Meeting. Prayers of God's people have produced thousands of dollars for the college, caused wonderful young people to become concerned about teaching at the college, and influenced numbers of students to enroll in George Fox. This support must be made even stronger. As the college expands the need for prayer becomes even more urgent. We must realize that Satan will do all in his power to lead a Christian college away from its true purpose of glorifying God. The pressure is constantly being put on to force our own college to let down its standards. Money has been withheld because our standards are judged to be too strict, but we believe God has the people, the money and the students needed for the support of the college. The people of Oregon Yearly Meeting must not be guilty of sitting back and failing to give prayer and financial support to the college in these thrilling days of growth and expansion. If we don't support it, others will, and whoever supports it will determine its policies. The need for sacrificial all-out support has never been greater, and will continue to grow if the college is to succeed.

Another great contribution our Yearly Meeting makes in public life is found in the great number of Christian teachers in the public schools. An organization for the fellowship of these teachers is under way. Action has been taken to unite with the National Educator's Fellowship. This is a national organization of Christian teachers who are bound together in their desire to encourage Christian witness in the public school. Why should we let the secularist,

the pagan, the materialistic-minded, or the evolutionist teacher propagate his views while we sit by silent, when we know we have the truth? The Board is endeavoring to establish an organization which will be able to help our teachers know how to proclaim the knowledge of truth which we possess in Jesus Christ.

Scholarship information is greatly needed by young people to enable them to be able to attend the more costly Christian college. There are many scholarships available which are often unused. A committee of the Board is working to make this information available to all our youth.

The Board is charged with the responsibility of keeping an accurate record of the educational progress and potential of our youth. When we know how many young people will be in our schools, where they are in their educational experience, and what kind of higher education they need, we can better provide for their education. A committee is working on the statistical problems of this responsibility.

There is concern that the Yearly Meeting should lend support to Greenleaf Academy in an effort to help it become a truly outstanding Christian secondary school in the Boise Valley. It has meant very much in preparation of leaders of Oregon Yearly Meeting. With additional support, it can mean much more in the future.

All of us recognize that there is a vast area of need in these fields of education, community responsibility, child rearing, and civic life in our Yearly Meeting. If our evangelism and mission work is to continue to grow and become even more effective then our homes must first of all become more cognizant of the responsibility they face in the rearing and education of our youth. What the homes of our Yearly Meeting are determines the kind of churches, schools and colleges and society we will have in our communities. Dr. Mark Fakkema states it best: "Christian homes and Christian schools comprise the spearhead of all missionary endeavor. Cease to evangelize our children in home and school and we cut off missionary effort at its source. To spend money in foreign lands for evangelizing pagans and to permit all our own youth to be paganized in the homeland is the height of parental neglect and the perversion of all true missionary endeavor."

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Let's Stretch Our Minds

By Lois Tish

HAVE you ever thanked God for the privilege of reading? What if you could not read? Would you miss pleasures and blessings which you now enjoy? What difference would it make to your family? To your spiritual life? What does reading mean to you?

Someone has said that the man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read.

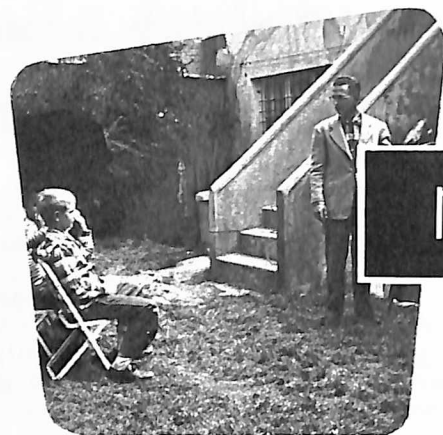
Reading opens the doors to the treasures of information, inspiration, and entertainment contained in the world of books. People who read do so for many reasons, reasons as different as one person is different from another. One reads for the stimulation of sharing the experiences of a penetrating mind, to understand the trials that beset mankind—and himself; another reads to advance himself socially, spiritually, or professionally; and yet another reads to understand many viewpoints, even those which oppose his own. People read to escape the world of reality and to learn to live in that world.

Have you shared in the struggles and triumphs of Christian on his journey to the Celestial City in Bunyan's *PILGRIM'S PROGRESS* and found them not unlike your own? Or have you been challenged to know the Lord in a deeper way by reading HUDSON TAYLOR'S *SPIRITUAL SECRET* as told by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor? Have you been made to reconsider the civilized world's philosophy of war and killing after reading the philosophy of the Auca Indians in *THE SAVAGE, MY KINSMAN*, by Elisabeth Elliot?

One must seek actively for the values literature can impart. The enjoyment gained from reading a book is not just in being told something but in having the opportunity to stretch the mind.

The best literature is not great because the subject is new. Nor is it great just because the author has the skill to use the right words in the right places, creating charming sentences and faultless style. Rather it is because the writer is able to give new dimensions to problems as old as life itself - love,

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missionary moments

By Phyllis Cammack

A HEART-FELT moan comes pulsing through the room. The missionary-child-student looks up from his spelling and calls out, "He needs more procaine, Papa."

The student has just recently sat down after running an errand to get the sterilized needles from the kitchen. He gets back to spelling when Teacher suggests, "The tooth will be pulled soon. You just sit down here and get to work now."

The scene is a missionary front room transformed into a battlefield of study where the fight is waged against the built-in resistance to knowledge. It is the classroom for many missionary children. The Teacher as a rule is mother. She may be frightened at the prospect of teaching Johnny to read, but she rolls up her sleeves and begins. It's possible that she never could remember the timetables of history, nor understand the mysteries of geometry, but after pulling Susie through these courses, she'll understand and remember much better.

The Calvert course is not a permissive course. It is no Mickey Mouse. But many up-to-date educational principles and practices are observed in its teaching: individual attention, notice given to individual differences (these are discouraged), free class room discussion (also discouraged because it gets too free), attractive, comfortable class-room (arithmetic on the davenport), and a real concern for the accelerated student (they are so peppy). Foreign language will come naturally; first-aid activities can be counted as health class; evangelistic trips might be credited to social studies; buying eggs and selling literature can be practical arithmetic, as well as psychology. There are good topics on every side for themes: how to make a chuño; the difference between a llama and a lama. Studying in unusual places at unusual hours necessitates an ability to concentrate. It's a discipline for the whole family. Co-curricular or extra-curricular—all of education can be rich on the mission field.

There may be a few disadvantages—no recess, no library, no teaching machine (unless mother can be put in this class), no well-equipped lab, no class bell, no school bus. But these slight drawbacks are overbalanced by the great advantage of all that education Teacher gets.

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friendship, hate, ambition, desire for money or name, temptation, wreckage of the soul and its recovery.

The Christian will place the Bible first on his reading list and then read many of the good books available. He will select worthwhile subjects on which to read. A wise program will lead him to read at one time biography, at another theology, at another fiction.

Someone has suggested that the Christian

should seek to trace the footprints of God in history, the heart of God in poetry, the love of God in sermons, the hand of God in biography, the thoughts of God in philosophy, and the acts of God in science.

Francis Bacon in one of his essays says: "Reading maketh a full man." The full man feels and sees and understands as well as reads, but without reading he hears and feels and sees dimly.

Let reading open the windows of your soul to make you a more understanding friend, a better informed citizen, and a more concerned Christian.

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LISTEN! LITTLE QUAKERS

By Marie Haines

Nan's Revenge

"ARE YOU going to wear that dress?"

"It's a party isn't it? This is my new Easter dress." Nan answered.

"Yes, but don't you remember Mrs. Carter said for us to wear old clothes?" Patty said.

"It is to be an indoor—"

"Sh-sh," Nan whispered but mother had heard.

"What's that, Patty?" she asked.

"The party is an indoor picnic in the garage," Patty explained.

"Why didn't you tell me Nan? Go change your dress at once," mother commanded.

"But this is my party dress," Nan wailed. "I'll be awfully careful, honest I will."

"Nan," mother said sternly.

"You just wait, Patty Gale. I'll get even with you," Nan said angrily a few minutes later as they walked to Jerry's party.

"But Nan, you wouldn't have fun in your very best dress," Patty protested. "I never thought you would be mad."

Nan tossed her head. She loved her new dress with its ruffles and ribbons. To make matters worse, some of the other girls had forgotten and had worn their best dresses. Nan's whole afternoon was spoiled. "And it's all Patty's fault," she grumbled to herself.

Patty refused to quarrel. The next day, she came running to Nan after school.

"Will you call mother and tell her Aunt Florrie took me home with her?" she said. "I tried to phone her but no one answers. Tell her I'll stay all night. She said I might someday."

Nan didn't answer. "Serve her right if I don't tell her mother," she thought disagreeably.

Soon after she got home, the telephone rang. "Answer that please Nan," mother called.

"I'm feeding the baby."

"Nan, did Patty come home with you?" It was Patty's mother.

"No she didn't," Nan answered.

"That's funny," Patty's mother sounded worried. "She is never this late. Did you see her leave?"

"No, Mrs. Gale, I didn't." Nan answered again.

"I didn't see her leave and she didn't come home with me. I didn't lie," Nan argued with herself. Then, she ran out to play and forgot all about Patty.

They were just finishing supper when the doorbell rang. A policeman stood in the doorway. "I'd like to speak to the little miss if I may," he said.

Nan was very frightened. What was the matter?

"Seems as if you are Patty Gale's best friend," the policeman hastened to assure her. "She didn't come home from school this afternoon. Someone saw her get in an automobile and we are afraid there's been foul play. Do you know anything about that Miss?"

Nan couldn't say a word. A policeman! She hadn't meant to get in trouble with the law. Could they put her in jail for not telling all she knew?

"I'm sure Nan knows nothing about it," mother spoke up. "She came straight home from school."

The policeman looked troubled. "We've tried everything," he said. "Her grandmother is in bed with worry. We tried an aunt's house but no one is home. Well thank you ma'am. Pray the Lord she is all right."

"Mamma, Mamma, Patty's all right." Nan sobbed after the policeman had left. "She just went with Aunt Florrie."

"What! Nan why didn't you tell the policeman?"

"I - I was afraid he would put me in jail."

"And poor Mrs. Gale! I must call her at once - and grandma. Nan, Nan, how could you be so cruel?" mother hurried to the phone.

"I only meant to get even," Nan sobbed out her story. "What makes me so bad mamma?"

"It is the mean old devil, honey. Only the Lord Jesus can give you a new heart and help you to keep your temper."

"Let's ask Him to help me right now mamma," Nan said kneeling beside her mother.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES



NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

Newberg—Glen Rinard, pastor

Raymond L. Cramer from Forest Home, California, held meetings in our church and also at George Fox College February 23-March 1. He is a minister, teacher and counsellor. ¶ Juanita Astleford gave a missionary talk to our SS on March 1. She is a student at GFC and a daughter of John and Esther Astleford, Friends missionaries in Guatemala. ¶ Thirteen new members were welcomed into our church on March 8. ¶ The music committee conducted our prayer meeting on March 11. Sheldon Louthan presided and filmstrips about our hymns were shown. ¶ Sunday messages have been brought by our pastor and by Mildred Rinard and Stanley Perisho.

—Margaret Weesner, reporting

Springbrook—Fred Stewart, pastor

Thursday evening, March 12 the WMU had Dean and Kathleen Gregory as guests. Dean gave an in-

formative talk on Bolivia and Peru. He stressed the need of prayer for our missionary work. ¶ The Everett Clarkson family is planning on leaving for Peru in June and need our prayers. ¶ Several from here attended the Haviland Friends Bible College concert at Sherwood.

Tigard—Orville Winters, pastor

Dean Gregory showed his slides of the Bolivia and Peru mission work in our Sunday evening service March 1. ¶ Paul Morse took his Jr. High SS class to the Beaverton swimming pool Saturday February 22. ¶ Our pastor was able to attend the entire Pastors' Short Course in Newberg the week of March 1. ¶ Saturday morning March 7 several men planted trees and prepared beds for near future planting of shrubs and flowers. ¶ Lois Winters showed a movie film of the construction of the Tigard Friends Church, and gave a history of the beginning of the Church at the WMU meeting March 12.

BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

Boise—Dale Field, pastor

On Saturday, February 29 the Junior Hi SS Class had a party and went to Givens Hot Springs to swim. Later they had hot-dogs cooked over the fire place at the Parsonage. ¶ Irwin Rogers, Associate Director of the Idaho Narcotic Alcohol Foundation, spoke at our evening service on Sunday March 1. ¶ Sixteen men of the church met at the church for an early morning breakfast on March 7 and decided to organize and meet once a month for breakfast and a fellowship time together. ¶ Missionaries, Gene and Betty Comfort had charge of our morning service on Sunday March 15. Their message and pictures gave to us a real challenge of prayer and a need for workers on the field.

—Margaret Peterson, reporting

Meridian—Dorwin Smith, pastor

We recently departmentalized our SS with Beula Marks as Primary Superintendent and Chuck Smith as Adult Superintendent. ¶ February 23 was our first anniversary which was celebrated by a potluck dinner following church. We had several guests attending that day. That evening we combined services with the Whitney Church with several from different

churches participating, telling how Meridian first began and how we are progressing. We thank the Lord that we have nearly \$2700 toward our building fund, just \$300 short of our first year's goal. ¶ Oscar and Ruth Brown were in our Sunday morning services recently bringing slides and a message. ¶ The young people enjoyed a Valentine Banquet which was given by the Whitney young people.

—Kay Newell, reporting

Nampa—William Meehan, pastor

Interest in the men's Saturday morning prayer meetings continues to grow. God is blessing. ¶ Two Bible study groups have been started. Macy Williams and Mildred Farmer are the leaders. They meet Tuesday and Saturday evenings. ¶ We have been especially favored in having Kenneth Pitts, pastor of Greenleaf Monthly Meeting, as evangelist in our revival meetings. The morning meetings devoted to the teaching of Friends beliefs and practices have been exceedingly rich and profitable. The preaching of the Word has been anointed of the Lord, and victories have been won. ¶ Mark Roberts brought a very challenging missionary message February 16. Wilma Roberts is scheduled to speak

to one of the WMU groups in March. ¶ Several went to Greenleaf to hear the choir from Haviland, Kansas.

—Hazel Wilson, reporting

Whitney—Randall Emry, pastor

There has been a teacher's training session started on Thursday evenings. There will be ten sessions using the Gospel Light Records. ¶ Sunday evenings during the CE hour the Adult Bible Study group is now studying Psalm 119. ¶ Every Wednesday evening, except business meeting nights, our pastor is teaching Bible doctrine to the interested young people of the church. ¶ Sunday evening, March 1, the young people were in charge of the service. ¶ A Planning Committee was appointed by the monthly meeting to plan for the needs of the future. The committee is looking into the different aspects of SS and church. ¶ The Daisy Stewart

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

Agnew—May Wallace, pastor

Charles Beals, Clynton Crisman, and David Fendall brought discussion on the pros and cons of building at a meeting February 22. ¶ Our annex is now being used to its fullest with the adults and young peoples classes using the facilities. Junior age on down are in the church for opening worship in SS. ¶ Stamps for camp are selling rather well, one girl has about her full amount.

—Irene Galloway, reporting

Holly Park—Charles Morgan, pastor

The Chordsmen Quartet from GFC was a blessing and uplift to our meeting February 23. Besides singing one member brought the message at each service. David Kovacs in the morning and Howard Macy in the evening. The other two members were Lloyd Pruitt and Darrell Nordyke. Margaret Williams was accompanist on the piano. ¶ The Beatrice Fritschle WMU held a panel discussion on "Teaching Obedience" at their last meeting. ¶ Several from our meeting went to Memorial Church and heard Paul Mills tell and show pictures of his recent trip around the world. ¶ Seventeen Senior CE's entertained at a George Washington Party the evening of February 22. They had as special guests Peter Zwiefel and wife from Switzerland. Peter is an exchange student attending a local high school here. This group of CE's conducted a "Slave" duty at various homes March 14, which netted a good income for their current expenses.

—M. Ethel Cowgill, reporting

Friends Memorial—Paul Goins, pastor

Our annual Sweetheart Banquet was held February 14 at Seattle Pacific College. ¶ Professor Paul Mills spent three days with us in February. He showed pictures of his recent trip around the world; spoke to our young men on military service and spoke on this same subject in the Sunday morning service. ¶ Gene and Betty Comfort spoke and showed slides of Bolivia in our evening services March 1. ¶ We have been kept busy in connection with the construction of our new unit. Preparing the church

Memorial Piano Fund has been created because of the need that this dear lady felt for a new piano. The Intermediate CE recently contributed fifteen dollars. The Seniors are planning to babysit for people of the church who will be going to the up-coming adult skating party and contributing their earnings to the piano fund.

—Beverly Smith, reporting

Woodland—Eugene Hibbs, pastor

An all day work meeting was held at the home of Pearl Adams on February 27, when a quilt top was pieced to be sent to the mission field. ¶ The WMU members gave a planned pot luck supper in honor of their husbands at the Pope Adams home on March 13. ¶ We are looking forward to our special meetings with Mrs. Springer as evangelist April 16-26. Pray with us that these services will be fruitful.

—Pearl Adams, reporting

each week for Sunday services has meant a great deal of cleaning and classroom re-arrangement. The church men installed the insulation in the new unit, and have had other things to do each week. The inside of the annex has recently been painted.

—Dorothy Groves, reporting

Everett—Leroy Neifert, pastor

Miss Olive Bodtcher, a missionary nurse on furlough from her field in Africa, was our guest speaker on March 1. Miss Bodtcher is under the Free Methodist Board and had been stationed only seven miles from where Twila Jones is working. She included in her pictures several good views of Twila and her work and brought a most inspiring message. ¶ The pastor was surprised on the Sunday following his birthday by a card shower. Numerous gifts of money were enclosed which enabled him to purchase a camera he had been wanting.

Northeast Tacoma—Fred Baker, pastor

Juanita Astleford and Edgar Madrid from Chiquimula, Guatemala, were in our Sunday morning services on February 16, sponsored by the youth of the church. Carolyn Harmon from Ashland, Oregon, was also with us. All three young people are from GFC. ¶ Gene and Betty Comfort and sons were with us for February 23, Sunday morning services. ¶ We had a fine number of young people who attended the Friday night youth swim on February 14, at the University of Puget Sound. On Saturday, February 15, our young people attended the Puget Sound Quarterly Meeting Youth Rally held at McKinley Avenue Friends Church. ¶ We are now having junior church each Sunday since February 23, with Howard and Mary Harmon as directors. ¶ Youth Accent Weekend was February 28, 29 and March 1, with Lonny Fendall, Dick Foster, John Slivkoff and the Clarion Trio consisting of Marie Craven, Judy Rhodes and Marilyn Hill all of GFC. We had a total attendance of 309 for all services which included the "Get-Acquainted Funspiration" held on Friday night at Lutherland on Lake Killaine. Workshop was held on Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 followed by a fellowship luncheon.

PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

Lynwood—Howard E. Harmon, pastor

Missionary work was stressed at Lynwood during the past month. Carroll Tamplin, who has spent 38 years in missionary work and recently served in the Bolivian lowlands under the World Gospel Mission, was speaker during the March 1 services. Carroll presented a film, "My Unfinished Work" during the evening service, showing what can be done among the Indians in future years. ¶ A missionary dinner was held in the church Friday, March 13, with Phyllis Cammack, Evelyn Gilbert and Geneva Bolitho cooking dishes from Bolivia, Africa, and India. After the dinner Gene and Betty Comfort presented pictures and brought messages of their work in Bolivia. ¶ Gordon St. George, Sherwood pastor who recently returned from an interesting trip to many missions, was the speaker Saturday evening and all the Sunday services, March 14-15, showing pictures and presenting missionary needs. ¶ Our pastor is working on a "Calling Program" this month, meeting all the families on our church roll and presenting the needs of the church. A prayer time has been worked out so that the members will uphold Howard as he carries out this program. ¶ Diane Deane, Parkrose High senior and SS teacher in our church, has won a scholarship to Portland State granted by the Elks for outstanding work in high school.

Second Friends—Lyle Love, pastor

It was a privilege to have Betty Comfort give the program for our WMU and Beth Hockett to present the devotions. Gene Comfort was present in one of our mid-week services and presented an inspirational program showing slides he had taken while in Bolivia. ¶ The Collegiate Chorale of Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, with Roy Clark as the director, presented a program of music during a recent Sunday morning worship hour. ¶ The high school SS class held a leap-year party at the home of one of its members, Phil Puckett.

Svensen—Dan Nolta, pastor

The Senior CE exec had their monthly dinner meeting at the Nolta's, to make plans for the meetings in March. ¶ The WMU had a work day February 26, to lay out a quilt which will be sent to the mission field in Bolivia. On March 8 and 9, Dean Gregory and Clynton Crisman were here to show

pictures of Bolivia in the Sunday evening service and then to hold a SS workshop on Monday evening. All the teachers were present at this meeting. Clynton talked on the importance of SS and its teachers and classes. Dean talked on the preparation of a lesson. The meeting recessed for a social time and a discussion period followed. ¶ The senior CE had a swimming party at the YMCA with a social time following at the church on March 13. ¶ The Intermediate CE went bowling in the afternoon of March 14. ¶ Three couples from Piedmont visited our SS and morning worship service on March 15. Mr. Haworth from Piedmont brought the morning message.

—Judi Nolta, reporting

Timber—Zenas Perisho, pastor

Our pastor attended the Pastor's Short Course which was held March 2-5 in Newberg. ¶ On February 15, the CE joined the youth groups of this area and went to a swimming party in Beaverton, afterwards we went to a Youth for Christ meeting. There were 6 participants from Timber. ¶ The ladies of Timber have organized the Helping Hands of Timber Friends Church, which meet monthly in the homes. They have been active in local missionary work.

—Kathy Jensen, reporting

First Friends—Gerald Dillon, pastor

Roy Clark and the Friends Bible College Choir from Haviland, Kansas, gave a concert at our church the evening of March 8. ¶ Mary Jayne was present Sunday afternoon, March 8, for a Quarterly Meeting "Teens Only" group. Eighty young people attended. ¶ Miss Evelyn Collins and seven of the negro children from the Christian Community Center in Portland visited Junior CE on February 23. They sang and recited Scripture. ¶ Twenty four junior high CE'ers had a bowling party March 6. ¶ Lynwood Friends and First Friends are engaged in an attendance contest. At the present, Lynwood is leading. ¶ Clynton Crisman preached during the evening worship hour recently. ¶ February 16 the GFC drama department presented the play, "Servant in the House." ¶ The senior CE spent a day at Mt. Hood February 15. ¶ A new girls' club called "Pioneer Girls" has been started. The first meeting was March 11. This is for girls in 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

ple to the Lord. There has been a pronounced spirit of revival in our services which is a great means of encouragement to all.

—Mrs. Ralph Kellogg, reporting

Hayden Lake—Wayne Piersall, pastor

Work continues at a rapid pace on the new sanctuary. Our revival meetings have been set as a deadline to be moved in. The men of the church and community have been faithful in giving many hours of their time. ¶ Eighty-eight young people and adults enjoyed an evening of roller skating with the Spokane group. ¶ Our Intermediate CE has been making a

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study of other denominations and sects. Under the leadership of Roger and Kay Knox they have visited each group as they study them. ¶ A choir, under the direction of our pastor, has been organized. They will make their first appearance our first service in the new sanctuary. ¶ Due to the cooperation of the Springdale Farm, owned and operated by Allen and Mary Ballard, 791 chickens were prepared and sold. With these proceeds a lovely Kimball piano was purchased for our church. ¶ Our pastor accepted a call to continuing serving our church.

Spokane—Clare Willcuts, pastor

Guest speaker on Sunday evening, February 16, was Denver Headrick who spoke on behalf of GFC. Colored slides added to his program and concern.

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Marion—Frank N. Haskins, pastor

Work crews have completely cleaned the SS annex and painted the sanctuary. March 1 was our monthly fund march for little Carol Puckett. ¶ A prayer service was held at the Watson home March 1 for the prayer conference being held at the church. John Fankhauser, Rev. Lester Bennett, Frank N. Haskins and Rev. Maurice Miller were guest speakers. ¶ Many are reading books suggested by our pastor. ¶ A 50th wedding anniversary for Earl and Viola Cook of Clarkston, Washington, was held. Rev. Harold Johnson of The Dalles, Oregon, had the service for renewing their wedding vows. Their attendants were a niece, Mrs. Al Martin, Renton, Washington, and Gary Phay Smith, Molalla. Mr. and Mrs. Haskins sang. About 70 attended. The Marion Friends SS was the first one Mr. Cook ever attended about 70 years ago.

—George Wilkinson, reporting

Medford—Jack L. Willcuts, pastor

We were happy to have Hannah Yang of Pusan, Korea, during SS opening exercises March 2. She is founder and director of the Pusan Girls' Home and also a home for mentally ill women. ¶ The Collegiate Chorale of Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, brought a beautiful concert in song and testimony recently in our church. ¶ The Primary Department recently had a potluck dinner for the teachers and helpers of the department and the family. Sixty one attended. ¶ Edward Harmon is conducting a series of lessons during adult Bible Study on "The Work of the Holy Spirit." ¶ Peter Fertello, of Portland, was special speaker at Men's Prayer Breakfast recently. ¶ The Over-50 Group helped Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hayes celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary recently at their monthly dinner. ¶ The Cradle Roll and Pre-School Easter Party was held March 16 and the Primary Department had its party March 21.

—Avadna Boshears, reporting

Pringle—Paul Baker, pastor

February was operation neighbor month. Several called at the homes in the church area. ¶ World Day of Prayer service was held at our church. Mr. Harlan Harris, a dedicated business man, was in

¶ February 27 found the Quaker Men's group joining together for a business and social evening. A film and refreshments were part of the fellowship enjoyed. As a result of this meeting, a garage for the parsonage is almost completed. ¶ Returned missionaries, Mark and Wilma Roberts, were guests on February 23, speaking in various classes and for morning worship. Their first hand account of mission life was of much interest to all as was the challenge to witness to those lost around us. ¶ A SS contest "March to SS in March" has and is strengthening the attendance of the classes plus the inviting of others. ¶ Pre-Easter revival service, March 18 to 29, were held with Clare Willcuts as evangelist, Doug Goins, song leader. ¶ The WMU is busy with work on items for the mission field and plans for a rummage sale in April.

charge of the service. ¶ Mr. George Simonka, the superintendent of the Union Gospel Mission, was the speaker at the Quaker Men's Meeting February 18. ¶ Many from Pringle went to the Highland Church Wednesday March 4, to hear the choir from the Friends Bible College of Haviland, Kansas. March 10 Mrs. Helen MacLean, from Albany, gave us a lesson showing ways to teach SS.

—Bea Adams, reporting

Silverton—Charlotte Macy, pastor

We have been working to keep our attendance up in SS. In February each class in the Junior Department had an "eat out" with their teacher. We had a family swimming party at the YWCA in Salem. ¶ During March our theme was "March to SS in March." Our goal for this month is an average of 90. ¶ A teacher training course, "Understanding Children and Youth," is being taught by Dorothy Barratt Sunday evenings prior to the worship service. ¶ Special meetings were held March 22-29 with Paul Mills as our speaker. ¶ Eleven fathers and sons from our meeting attended the annual Father-Son Banquet of the Quaker Men March 7, in Newberg.

—Minnie Engeman, reporting

South Salem—John Fankhauser, pastor

Our pastors left for Bolivia and Peru on Sunday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. from the Portland airport. Several members of the church were on hand to see them off. During their absence Mr. Kenneth Williams will be bringing the Sunday morning messages. Frank Haskins has taken over the other pastoral duties as well as our Sunday evening services and Wednesday night prayer meetings. We appreciate their willingness to help out during this time. ¶ Some of the women of the church have been meeting regularly at the home of May Nordyke each Thursday morning for a Bible study. Edna Springer has been the discussion leader. ¶ The Rebekah WMU met February 20 with ladies bringing boxes of facial tissues, items for the campers for our missionaries in Bolivia and Peru. They also brought magazines and children's books which are to be sent to Quentin and Florene Nordyke. On this same Thursday evening men and guests met at the Golden Pheasant

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

East Wenatchee—Robert Morrill, pastor

Robert Morrill, our pastor, has been bedfast two weeks with flu and complications of ear surgery. ¶ We were hosts to the WGM Rally over four days, with speakers from India, Honduras and Bolivia. ¶ Carroll Tamplin, of Bolivia, gave the Sunday morning and evening messages with pictures in the evening on March 8. Oscar and Ruth Brown presented pictures of our work in Bolivia March 22. ¶ The church has had some vandalism with money taken, articles scattered around and several large windows broken. ¶ We have been challenged with a special personal "outreach" program to win some new people

for their Quaker Men's Meeting. Charles Hill, former mayor of Grants Pass, now a member of the State Accident Commission, was the speaker of the evening. ¶ Tuesday evening, February 25, the Maranatha WMU met to mount pictures for use on the mission field. ¶ We enjoyed hearing the Haviland

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

Rose Valley—George Bales, pastor

Rose Valley enjoyed the fellowship of the Kingsmen quartet from GFC February 22 and 23. They provided the entertainment for the Valentine party the 22nd and had charge of the morning worship service the next day. Following the service the quartet and 15 high school juniors and seniors were entertained at a buffet dinner at the home of Robert Lemmons. The royalty for the Valentine party were Queen Glenda Swindell and King Don Whitaker. ¶ The church basketball team has completed its season ranking second in the Longview Church League in the junior high division. ¶ During opening exercises March 8, State Representative Herbert Hadley presented a thought-provoking discussion of the Christian's responsibility in politics. He also met with the high school SS class and answered questions which they had regarding politics. ¶ Thirty-seven adults attended a dinner held March 14 at Irby's restaurant in Longview. The event constituted the SS birthday banquet. Special recognition was given Harriet Aitken whose birthday was the 14th. An interesting program of taped music and colored slides of scenery and churches, many of them local, was given by Mr. Robert Jones, audio-visual director at Kelso High School.

Cherry Grove—Lloyd Melhorn, pastor

The Junior Hi Boys Class met on Saturday February 29 for a morning of games and hiking. ¶ The Senior Hi CE, with Ruth Crosse as their sponsor, traveled to Government Camp March 7 to enjoy a day in the snow with perfect tobogganing conditions. ¶ Four families were represented at the Father-Son banquet at Newberg on March 7. ¶ March 8 was the day we celebrated the 20th anniversary of our church, with Harley Adams, the first pastor, as guest speaker at both morning and evening services. Dinner was served to approximately 150 persons, and then a history of the church was given, and slides and movies were shown, tracing the progress of the church through the 20 years. It was a time for reminiscing, and renewing old acquaintances. Thanks to all who helped make it a success. ¶ Mark Roberts, returned missionary from Bolivia, S. A., was with us March 12 to tell of the work of the mission field there.

GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

Caldwell—Nathan B. Pierson, pastor

Following our revival meetings many desired a morning prayer meeting besides the regular Wednesday evening prayer service, so there is now a prayer meeting every Friday morning at 9:30. ¶ The revival spirit continued with us after the closing of our special meetings, with two young people returning to the Lord, and the conversion of a young

Friends Bible College choir at Highland Avenue Friends Church on March 4. ¶ More than 20 attended the Quaker Men Father-Son banquet in Newberg on March 7.

—Naomi Tuning, reporting

Vancouver—Fred Newkirk, pastor

The Wm. Penn Club men toured the airport for their February meeting. ¶ We heard Mrs. Alvin Anderson speak at an evening service on the opportunities for Christian service with the U. S. Government. Her husband is head of the U. S. Information Service in Medellin, Colombia. ¶ In March twenty-eight members met at Lindgren's house and made furniture for the Beginner Department for the new church. ¶ The WMU sponsored a rummage sale and made \$156 for Twin Rocks. ¶ February 19 Gene and Betty Comfort showed pictures and talked about their missionary work. It was very interesting. ¶ The Junior High CE had a Valentine party in February and had great fun at a Hawaiian party in March. ¶ We were inspired by the music of the Friends Bible College choir March 6, with a former pastor Roy Clark directing. ¶ March 18 was an all youth trip by bus to Mt. Hood. There were 42 young people and 6 adults who enjoyed the snow excursion. ¶ Work is progressing fast on our new church.

—Marian Larsen, reporting

Oak Park—Roger Smith, pastor

Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 1 with open house at the home of their daughter. Relatives and friends numbering 135, were present to offer best wishes and God's blessing. February 29 the two high school classes spent the day at Mt. Hood. ¶ Our pastor spent four days at GFC on the teaching staff for the Pastor's Short Course. ¶ Gene and Betty Comfort and children were with us for the evening service on March 8. Their message and slides gave us a new challenge and insight in the work they have been doing in Bolivia and Peru. It was a very encouraging report they brought of the rapid growth of the churches and the dedication of the national believers. ¶ A SS attendance contest is being held terminating Easter Sunday. The theme is "Honor His Word - Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." Honoring His Word is being stressed more than winning prizes. Each class has set a goal of perfect attendance of the regulars plus from two to four new ones.

—Gertrude Hopp, reporting

husband and father. ¶ Our regular church "birthday dinner" was held Sunday March 8, honoring those whose birthdays fall in January, February and March. ¶ A fun night was held for members of the Junior Choir. The Junior Choir is doing very well. They provided the special music for us at a Sunday evening service. ¶ Our local music committee is promoting a song writing contest, which seems to be stirring considerable interest. All songs were to

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be in by Easter Sunday. ¶ The Greenleaf Academy Quiz Team competed in the State contest at Twin Falls Saturday, March 14, and are now State Champions. Sharon Martin and Dave Davenport from our church are on the team. ¶ Our senior choir, under the direction of Clare Howard, presented the cantata, "From Cross to Crown" Easter Sunday evening.

Homedale—Irwin Alger, pastor

An all day WMU meeting was held at the home of Chrystell Price. ¶ There was an Intermediate CE party in the basement of the church on February 15. ¶ Several attended the Treasure Valley SS convention at Boise. ¶ The pastors entertained the ministers of other Friends Churches in the Valley. Nineteen adults and four children spent part of the day here. ¶ At the evening service March 1, the Greenleaf Academy Trio sang several numbers. The principal, Arthold Latham gave the message. ¶ Special recognition will be given to all who attend all services during March. ¶ Both groups of the CE sponsored a skating party at Nampa.

Ontario—Calvin Wilkins, pastor

March to SS month is proving very effective in influencing the parents and other family members of children who regularly attend our SS. An attendance of 76 on March 22 shows an increase of about 70 per cent over the average attendance in recent months. Each family is working to earn points towards a lamp to be awarded Easter Sunday. ¶ Taking part in our services during spring vacation were GFC students Edith Cammack, Phyllis McCracken, Diane Ball, and Steve LeBaron. ¶ Missionary work in Ecuador was the topic of study for the Phyllis Cammack WMU when they met at the home of Leona White on March 19. ¶ A sound filmstrip depicting the program of VBS and its results was shown in the evening service March 15.

Greenleaf—Kenneth Pitts, pastor

Several SS classrooms and equipment in the church basement have a "new look" thanks to Loren Burton who spent several days painting and reconditioning them. ¶ Quaker Men sponsored a successful Academy Benefit Sale again this year on February 21, with somewhat over \$6,000 coming in. We praise the Lord. ¶ Greenleaf again won the trophy for keeps, by having the largest number of people at the Treasure Valley SS convention held in Boise February 19-20. This was a time of learning and inspiration. ¶ Haviland, Kansas Friends Bible College choir gave a concert to a large crowd in the gym March 9. Roy Clark is director of this fine choir. ¶ Our pastor, Kenneth Pitts, held revival meetings in Nampa Friends Church. In his absence Arthold Latham, Rosalie Pitts, Roy Knight, Leland Hibbs and Scott Clark filled the pulpit. ¶ Open house was held for Neal and Ethel Hibbs in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, February 2.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

SHAUL-EIDEMILLER. —Daniel C. Shaul and Reta Pearl Eidemiller were united in marriage Sunday

afternoon, March 15, at the Caldwell Friends Church. COLLARD-GERMAIN. —Everett Collard of Greenleaf and Sandra Germain of Wilder were married February 15, at Greenleaf. ANDERSON-OLSON. —Bruce Anderson and Nancy Ann Olson were married February 8 at the Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church in Portland. BAKER-SIMONSON. —Keith Baker and Anna Simonson were married at Newberg Friends Church on March 14, with Gene Hockett officiating.

BIRTHS

LOUTHAN. —To Sheldon and Lillian Louthan of Newberg, a daughter, Lisa Marie, born February 19. WORLEY. —To Dennis and Mariane Worley, a daughter, Susan Eileen, born March 29. ROBBINS. —To Lee and Sandra Robbins, Portland, a son, born March 10. MORRILL. —To George and Bonnie Morrill, a son, born March 6. SNOW. —To Peter and Janet Snow of Portland, a son, Eric Matthew, born March 3. GERE. —To Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gere, a son, Glen Allen, born February 28. GESNER. —To Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gesner, a daughter, Connie Sue, born January 17. CAMMACK. —To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cammack, a son, Steven Charles, born March 2. PERSON. —To Dick and Nancy Person, a son, Richard Vaughn, born March 14. EMRY. —To David and Joan Emry, a daughter, Lisa Kim, born March 2.

DEATHS

HIRST. —E. Claude Hirst passed away unexpectedly March 4. Services were held March 11 at the Greenleaf Friends Church. RHOADS. —Gladys H. Rhoads passed away February 14, with services in Greenleaf.

Rosedale to Celebrate 70th Anniversary May 3

The 70th Anniversary of Rosedale Friends near Salem will be commemorated May 3, 1964 with Homecoming services and a dedication of the newly completed addition to the church building.

The anniversary message will be brought at the 11:00 a. m. worship hour by Milo C. Ross, president of George Fox College and a former Rosedale pastor. All former pastors and members are being urged to attend. It is the hope of the anniversary committee that every living former pastor will be present. A Homecoming service will be held at 1:45 p. m. at which time expression from former members and pastors will be heard as well as a reading of the church's historical highlights since February 7, 1894.



Mylander to be Youth Field Secretary



CHUCK Mylander, president of OYMCE, will return late this summer from a three-month visit to the Friends mission field in Bolivia and Peru to take the position of Field Secretary for youth in Oregon Yearly Meeting. In this capacity, he will be visiting youth groups, presenting challenges for missions on the youth level, working with sponsors and leaders to improve local youth programs, and representing the Yearly Meeting youth program as a whole.

Almost a decade has passed since the youth program has had any full-time personnel to visit throughout the Yearly Meeting. With a field secretary released for more service, more youth groups will have the benefit of advice, encouragement and inspiration.

Chuck will also be involved in youth evangelism and in starting new youth groups. Under the present plans, his salary will be underwritten by the youth budget, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Missions.

Next year's C. E. president will, of course, be relieved of much office work and travel that has formerly been the responsibility of the president. He will continue working with the Executive Council of C. E. in organization, planning, and deputation work.

Teens in L. A.

No, OYMCE hasn't sent any teenagers to Los Angeles, but there are two teens in Latin America that our Yearly Meeting can support with prayers and correspondence.

These two teenagers are Margaret Chapman and Gary Knight, both of whom are attending the Tambo School of the New Tribes Mission in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Latest reports from these teenagers say that Margaret is still working several hours a week in

the school infirmary as an assistant nurse. Gary is planning on a two-week hunting trip with his dad just after school is out.

Give these two teens a prominent place on your prayer list. It's also in order to let them know you are alive by addressing that next letter to Cajon 522, Cochabamba, Bolivia.



By Barbara Baker

What constitutes a potent Christian witness in today's high schools? How can saved and sanctified teenagers successfully communicate the love of Jesus Christ to their teachers and buddies?

A glib answer immediately comes to mind. Carry a Bible! And indeed, some teens insist that the essential badge of a Christian is a Bible topping the student's stack of books. Carrying a Bible can certainly be a testimony--yet it can also hinder the witness of every other Christian in school if undertaken lightly. For let's face it, a Bible-carrying-Christian is immediately tagged by seekers and scoffers alike for careful surveillance, and if the student's walk is not consistent with the Word, the witness is lost.

What is the formula, then, for Spirit-guided witnessing? The words of Paul in Ephesians 6:18-20 give the three essential components:

"Praying always. . . with all perseverance and supplication. . . for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. . . that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

Paul recognized the extensive and expensive demands made upon him as a witness for Christ, yet he realized this boldness he so sorely needed would come only as a result of constant prayer and the assurance of a consistent witness behind him. He had to live a life of prayer, consistency, and boldness in order to "make known the mystery of the gospel."

If defeat in witnessing is dogging your heels, then step out with Paul in faith believing, that therein you may speak boldly, as you ought to speak!