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The Superintendent's Corner

By Dean Gregory

"...In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." (Isaiah 30:15)

"Be still, and know that I am God:" (Psalm 46:10)

And Peter, the apostle, speaks of the true adornment of a Christian in these terms: "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning. . . But let it be the hidden man of the heart, . . . even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

The strength and the beauty of a Christian does not reside in outward show or demonstration, but rather in his inward character which is outwardly reflected over the long haul and in trying situations.

Have you heard this sentiment expressed: "We're on a mad, whirling, noisy merry-go-round and there's no place to get off?" Does your mind grow weary of the discouraging news from Viet-Nam, the Congo, Cuba, and a hundred trouble spots at home and abroad? If so, then listen again to the words penned by a frail, blind, saintly woman, Helen Lemmel:

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace."

We celebrate again the birth of our Savior and the light of that same star and the sweet voices of those angels will again, for the most part, go unseen and unheard, because the same old worldly problems the people faced then plague us today—taxes, housing problems, political upheaval, greed and selfishness.

But wait. It was the call of the government for tax accounting that brought Joseph

and Mary to God's chosen town at exactly the right time—God's time. It was the overcrowded inn, with its unfriendly "no vacancy" sign that sent God's chosen family to a quiet, secluded stable, which was God's place—the setting for history's number one event, the birth of the Christ child.

And then it was the intended treachery of the king who aided the wise men in finding the child Jesus, and it was his mad fury that directed Joseph and Mary to flee into Egypt—according to the ancient prophecies of God's word.

Finally, it was the greed and selfishness of men drunk with a passion for authority, position and power that betrayed our Lord and delivered Him to be condemned to die.

Calvary. To the world, the end. But in God's program, it was the planned, glorious sequel to Christmas, without which Christmas would be meaningless.

How glorious! Every "impossible" situation is turned into incredible victory.

Now, for us, at Christmas time, 1964, there comes a message desperately needed by us all: the greatest revelations and realizations of God's great purposes and His will for us do not come through the hubbub of activity. God may choose to speak to us through financial reverses, sickness or

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A PUBLISHING FAITH

FROM the beginning years of the New Testament church until today Christians have been publishers. Long before the invention of printing various methods of reproducing manuscripts had been employed for the purpose of publishing the glad tidings, the good news of Jesus Christ.

Before the time of Christ there were extensive libraries which had assembled precious tablets and scrolls. Around the time of Jesus there were also groups like the Essenes who devoted much of their labor to writing, copying, and preserving such literature as has recently been discovered in the Dead Sea Scrolls. It is not surprising that soon after the time of Jesus, Christians recognized the need to become publishers. They believed that Paul's letters should be distributed widely. The gospel records should be made available to readers. Antioch, Ephesus, and Rome became centers of Christian writing and publishing.

Christians were among the first to adopt new methods of publishing the gospel. They turned from scrolls to folded pages that set the pattern for modern books. Dr. Edgar Goodspeed reports that, "Fifty years after Jesus, Christianity was a publishing faith, exhausting the best known publishing techniques of the day and even going beyond them."

Not only in the first century, but in every succeeding century, this same necessity for publishing the glad tidings of the gospel has impelled Christians to discover, develop, and utilize new methods of communication. The invention of printing in the fifteenth century was first used to reproduce Christian literature.

Early Friends faithfully wrote journals, apologies and concerns which were circulated internationally with various "minutes" and messages.

Oregon Yearly Meeting has had a vision in recent years of the opportunities and obligations in Christian printing and publishing. The various reports given quite modestly by our workers at Barclay Press since its beginning nearly 20 years ago by Ray L. Carter, are still significant. Publishing efforts beyond this magazine include many books, periodicals, church literature of all types and mission field materials. This is one effort of church life that can be measured in tangible as well as spiritual results.

Not long ago an appeal was made to Friends for financial aid to take advantage of recent developments in printing methods in order to upgrade the quality and scope of our work. Discerning readers have noted significant

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The Imminent Return of Jesus Christ

By Willis Miller

Mr. Miller is pastor of the East Goshen Friends Church, Beloit, Ohio. He has several years of pastoral experience and has served widely as evangelist for camp meetings and revivals. This article appears simultaneously in all yearly meeting magazines of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

AS NEWS commentators, scientists and statesmen review world events and analyze an unending series of crises, there is an unspoken sense of dread and a foreboding of disaster. Uncertainty and anxiety describes the feeling and state of a jittery world.

The people of God sense also the approach of a world crisis but with this difference - with deep abiding peace. God's children know what is coming and they work, watch and pray with expectancy and anticipation, "looking for that blessed hope"! God's people not only know what is coming but also from the inspired Word, they know Who is coming. As a crisis-weary world uneasily awaits, "What's next?" - the waiting saints rejoice in the blessed hope of the soon coming of the Bridegroom and the Wedding Supper of the Lamb!

A DEFINITION

There are two thoughts in this theme upon which some clarification will be helpful.

First, what do we mean when the coming of Jesus is spoken of as being, "imminent"? From the dictionary (Funk & Wagnalls) the word carries this meaning: "liable to happen at once - as some calamity - dangerous and close at hand; or some peril liable to befall speedily." This meaning of the word used relative to our Lord's return is the clear teaching of the New Testament: "liable to happen at once - close at hand - liable to befall speedily"!

A DIFFERENCE

Then too, the difference between "the second coming (return) of Jesus Christ" and

"the rapture" should be distinctly pointed out.

Old Testament prophecy concerning Jesus Christ is two-fold, as the Suffering-Savior and as the Messiah-King. The Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 1:11 spoke of this dual line of prophetic truth in these words, ". . . the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow."

In the sermon recorded in Acts chapter 3, Peter declared in verse 18 that the prophecies relating to the Suffering-Savior had been fulfilled when Jesus died upon the cross. Just as real and literal will be the fulfillment of the "glory that shall follow" when He comes as the Messiah-King!

The Scriptures declare:

1. The second advent of Jesus Christ will be literal, real and visible (Acts 1:11, Rev. 1:7)
2. The place will be the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4)
3. The time will be before the millennium (2 Thess. 2:8, 1 Thess. 4:13-17, Rev. 20:4-14)
4. His coming will be in glory (Matt. 25:31).

There are a number of events associated with His return that are clearly revealed, the first of which is the translation of the Church. The Apostle Paul writes of this "by the Word of the Lord" to the Thessalonians: "The dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air."

God has given two illustrations of what is meant by the rapture (as this translation of the saints is called) - once in taking an antediluvian Patriarch to Heaven and the other,

in taking the Prophet of Fire! "Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him" and in Hebrews chapter 11 we read that he was "translated, that he should not see death." Likewise, it was with Elijah as he was caught up to Heaven. Paul says, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, . . . we shall be changed." This will be the next step in the glorious plan of the redemption of a lost race and the first scene of the "day of the Lord."

"KEEP AWAKE THEN AND WATCH. . ." (Amp.)

If the return of Jesus to earth is near - THE RAPTURE IS NEARER!

Let us see some of the many evidences of the imminent return of Jesus.

NATIONS IN TURMOIL

The political evidences of prophesied world conditions are crying, "Look up, your redemption draweth nigh." The return of Israel to their land and the State of Israel recognized among the nations, as it has not been since the days of Zedekiah, is a remarkable indication that the return of Jesus is very near.

In the Holy Land there is constant tension and the ever-present threat of new trouble between Israel and the Arab Republic. Prophecy in Revelation tells us of the coming of a mighty army from "the east". Does not the rise of a new military giant in the Far East, bristling with the spirit of aggression and hatred of God, indicate that such a day could be drawing near?

The perplexity of nations, spoken of by Jesus in Luke 21; the "Cold War"; the universal rise of militarism; the Common Market; and global unrest from Laos to Brazil - all unite in giving evidence that the end of the age is approaching.

VIOLENCE ON EARTH

The Lord Jesus spoke of His return being in days like unto the days of Noah which were characterized by violence and immorality. Is not this present generation with its unprecedented spirit of rebellion against authority and of unbridled lust and outbroken violence hastening the entire world to the Judgement?

Riots in Korea, constant uprising and murderous violence in Africa, revolutions and upheaval in Latin America, massacres and war in Asia - are modern daily head-

lines. And here in America, from murder and tumult in Texas to gangster terrorism in New York City subways, with daily riots, outrage and disregard for authority across our land, our own nation is in alarming disorder! Running rampant along with world-wide violence is the tragic moral collapse of this generation, defying all standards of decency and destroying the sacredness of marriage and the home - that further identifies these perilous days, "as the days of Noah."

DECAY IN THE CHURCH

The Savior told us that deception and delusion would characterize the end time. The New Testament writers concur and declare that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." The rise of the cults, the apostasy of the church, "even denying the Lord that bought them" is a shocking reminder of the words of Jesus, "When the Son of Man cometh will He find faith on the earth?"

The brazen unbelief and the aggressive attack of "haters of God" and the phenomenal success of their Satanic plan to paganize our nation is the working of the mystery of iniquity at its worse. This determined scheme of atheistic control of our schools, churches and society, literally shouts the warning, "there shall come in the last days scoffers . . ."! Friends, "It is high time to awaken out of sleep. . ."

Christ-rejectors, holiness-despisers, and "religious-backsliders" have infiltrated both the offices and pews of the church with a cold indifference, a worldly conformity and a fatal lukewarmness. Consequently "Ichabod" has been written over her altars and the church has been rendered powerless to beget children and to raise up spiritual warriors to avert the impending judgment! Today's highly-organized, worldly-adorned but power-shorn church without burden, prayer or fire, classifies us with the seventh of the churches of Asia! The hour glass is running out! The smug Laodicean "tell-tale" grey, neither hot nor cold, neither being for nor against anything - is a heart-breaking evidence that the return of Jesus Christ is close at hand. Paul writes, "that day will not come except the apostasy come first - that is, unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come. . ." 2 Thess. 2:3 (Amp.)

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The Church and Christmas

By Marjorie Crisman

CHRISTMAS!—the very word casts a warm glow. No amount of commercialization can rob those who love Him of the personal, treasured "memory" we carry in our hearts: the gentle scene in the stable at Bethlehem; noise and confusion without—within, a breathless hush as heaven touches earth in the mystic miracle of the incarnation. As one Christmas season follows another, certain details of the nativity account may leap at us with new meaning: perhaps the shepherds' encounter with the angel messengers, or Mary's inward thoughts, or the wise men's persistent, faith-filled search. These new insights serve to bring special meaning to the season, to draw us closer to the One Who is ever with us, the Word made flesh, Immanuel!

For us in America the celebration of Christmas is rich with traditions. Myriads of twinkling lights, the pungent odor of evergreens, candles softly gleaming, the tree in all its glory—who can separate Christmas from these? Truly, Christmas is a family time: the shining eyes of little ones, excited sharing of Christmas secrets, fragrant odors from the kitchen, loved ones from afar coming home. Is there a place for the church? Some have said no; leave the feasting and gaiety to the world—who knows what calendar date our Lord was born—why celebrate December 25? But far from bowing out because of worldly celebrations or uncertainty about the date, the church has an unrivaled opportunity: to present the holiday as a holy day, to bring into focus the One whose birthday is being honored. Christmas belongs to the church. It is our ready-made opening to give forth again the "good tidings of great joy."

It is with this desire that the groups within the church begin preparations in the weeks

preceding Christmas. Choirs devote rehearsal time to perfecting the most thrilling of all music, the Christmas story, whether it be Handel's immortal "Messiah," a cantata by a contemporary composer, or the simplest arrangement of a familiar carol. Children memorize their lines for the program, practice group singing under the direction of devoted Sunday School teachers. Young people squeeze time from their busy days to prepare the pageant, as mothers shake out shepherd and angel costumes from storage boxes and refurbish and embellish robes for authentic-looking wise men. In fact, for Christian families, the church becomes the center of Christmas preparations. Shopping trips, home decorating, cooking and baking, school affairs, all become secondary. To be sure, the church activities demand time and effort in a season which is full to bursting already with activity. But all of us will be busy; let's be glad to be busy at such joyful tasks. It is a sad thing when we become conscious only of the pace, allow ourselves to become frantic, and fail to savor each day with its special part to play in our observance of the Advent season.

In recent years Christmas has become almost a month-long holiday, with stores scarcely able to wait until after Thanksgiving Day to put up the gay decorations and display gift merchandise. And so, during the month of December the fellowship groups within the church—Sunday School classes, WMU's, Quaker Men—all schedule "Christmas meetings." Some who are involved in several of these organizations have felt this to be more of a burden than a joy and have expressed the wish that Christmas would "hurry and be over." Rather than to lose the freshness and appreciation of the wonderful birthday season of our Lord, would it not be wise for these to drop out of one or

two of the December activities, or leave the planning to others; this seems a better plan than to cancel the activity. It is amazing how many different and meaningful programs can center around the Christmas theme, and one attending a number of them may find his life enriched and the Christmas season more wonderful with each additional participation. Then there are those whose lives touch the church through only one organization, perhaps a men's or women's group. A well-planned Christmas meeting can make a real contribution to these lives and perhaps be a door to spiritual blessing, a highlight in their holiday season. Should gift exchanges be a part of each event? These are merry ice-breakers, and especially fun for children, but certainly should not be considered essential to a Christmas meeting. For adults, why not substitute one of the following ideas? 1. A shower for the church kitchen. 2. Gifts for those in institutions: hospitalized children, mentally retarded, elderly people in rest homes, etc. 3. Bringing cookies or fruit to tie on small Christmas trees and take to shut-ins. 4. Exchange of Christmas foods. Christmas-time meetings should be the most enjoyable of the year, whether for old or young, or mixed age groups. Let us make the most of each one, not allowing the events of tomorrow or next week to crowd in and rob today of its pleasure and blessing.

Undoubtedly the event which involves the greatest number of people and the most time and effort is the Christmas program, participated in by children, youth and adults of the Sunday School and directed by a capable committee, usually Sunday School teachers, who are willing to take on one more extra task because they feel its importance. Which of us would want to delete from our store of memories the experiences of having part in a nativity scene, of participating in the Christmas program? Surely today's children deserve this experience as part of the Christmas treasures being tucked into their lives for later reviewing. Remember? . . . The fun of being pinned into strange-feeling costumes, of waiting our turn to appear, shivering with anticipation mixed with stage fright, the familiar rooms of the church suddenly unfamiliar as they take on the function of "backstage." After many whispered, "Sh-h-h-h's" by teacher, suddenly we are thrust onto the platform to take our part. And out there in the semi-darkness are mothers and daddies, a sea of faces. . . Besides being of value to the participants,

the Christmas program offers a wonderful opportunity for families to gather at the church. Mingling with the regulars are many who have come to see their children take part, first-timers who may be influenced to return by the warmth of the greetings they receive and by the spirit of sincere love for Christ and people shown in the attitude of the congregation as well as in the message of the program. A joyful, reverent spirit is easily felt, even by those who are not spiritually sensitive. Because of the fact that so many parents are willing to come to the program there has been a growing tendency to hold it on Christmas Sunday morning, usually combining the Sunday School and worship services into a streamlined one-hour production closing with a brief Christmas message by the pastor. To be sure, there are advantages: it avoids the inevitable conflicts which occur in trying to find a week-day evening previous to Christmas on which to hold the program, and the capacity crowd is a wonderful boost to attendance records. However, it seems that thought should be given to the purpose and effect of the Sunday morning worship hour before deciding on such a procedure. There is a certain amount of unavoidable confusion and bustle connected with producing a program, an abnormal excitement on the part of the children, which are sure to detract from the desired result. Many pastors and people have found that visitors will come on Christmas Sunday even without the attraction of the children's performance. If they come for the Sunday School hour, how much better that they have the opportunity to sit in a class, to be introduced, (and noted as future prospects) than to be herded into a huge gathering and lost in the crowd. The hour of worship may be a truly uplifting experience: to enter the quiet beauty of a pine-scented sanctuary, to join in the wonderful Christmas hymns, hear the immortal words from Luke 2, and the joyful anthem by the choir, and then to relive again the experiences of that first Christmas through the message of the pastor, to leave with the organ notes reverberating, "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!"—these combine to make a memorable experience.

The music of Christmas belongs to the church. To be sure, the commercial interests have borrowed the lovely carols and flung them into the air through loud speakers in the busy shopping areas. But even there, the beauty of words and music are not

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The Barrier

By Chuck Mylander

WE THANK THE LORD for His blessing upon the six Area Leadership Conferences for teens and sponsors throughout our Yearly Meeting. A total of over 300 attended. spiritual decisions were made, know-how was gained, inspiration was received, and our Y. M. Friends Youth executive teams felt it so worthwhile. Scores of teens and adults alike went home determined to work a little harder, live a little closer to the Lord, and do something in their Friends Youth in the coming year.

Now we eagerly look forward to Mid-winter Convention. Join us in praying that God will grant the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us during these vital days of December 28 - January 1. Pray specifically.

Sin stands as the barrier to revival. How we need to come so near to God that we will catch a new insight into the horribleness of sin! Yet our Christian teens often find their Christian fervor dampened by the adult acceptance of certain types of sin. Things like taking immorality for granted, or lust-ing after some actress on TV, or having to buy unnecessary, expensive houses to keep up with the Joneses. Things like holding a grudge, being unfaithful to a life mate, or feeling jealous because another Christian (or anyone else) received an important appointment. Things like laughing at another's shortcomings and saying, "It served him right" when they get him into trouble. James summed these sins up in three concise, yet perceptive categories: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

But what happens when sin has come into its own? When the full fruit of lust and pride has matured, then the participant reaches sin's paradise. The Bible describes sin's

paradise as outer darkness, a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth. How we need our senses jarred to alertness, our eyes opened to the result of nourishing our own little, petty sin.

Yes, we know that the day is coming when the father of all sin will be chained and cast into the bottomless pit. Yet we seem to forget that now the devil is on the loose! At least we don't lose any sleep worrying about it. We even dare to think we can withstand him without God. No, we don't come right out and say it, but our actions speak louder than our words, or lack of them. Some actually disbelieve in the reality of Satan! What foolishness! What mockery of God! The Bible warns that our adversary the devil roams about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Now which of us would tackle an escaped lion bare-handed?

Yet we have the comfort from 1 John 4:4, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." The way to break the sin-barrier is by repentance and fresh dependance on Jesus Christ who made the supreme sacrifice for sin on Calvary's cross. This breaks the barrier between us and God and the life He wants in men. Then we may receive purity and power by the filling of the Holy Spirit who enables us to keep God's command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy."

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THE IMPORTANCE OF . . .

Devotional Periods in WMU

By Edna M. Springer

SINCE the local W.M.U. meeting convenes to do business for the Lord, it should be a deeply spiritual meeting. We are enjoined to "Redeem the time, for the days are evil." Every moment should count for the glory of God. The devotional period should be the vital point of the meeting, to set the spiritual tone of the meeting and create an atmosphere of worship. It is a time also for laying the foundation for quickened faith, enabling each to lay hold of the prayer-promises and claim victory for every prayer request presented. Prayer is a spiritual battle, and can be waged only with the weapon of quickened faith.

Use the Word of God. Read the verse used by the writer of the devotions for that particular meeting, found in your program book, from the Bible. Since the Lord gave these devotional messages to the various writers, it would seem well then, to use them in the meetings.

If it is to be an effective meeting, it must be a spiritual meeting, else it is simply a social one. The urgent battle for souls on the mission fields requires more than that. Members are urged to come to missionary meetings with prepared hearts. We cannot afford to dissipate golden opportunities. Jesus Christ should be exalted ever as pre-eminent—all eyes of faith unitedly directed to Him for individual and corporate encouragement to press the battle for the Lord and "—do exploits for Him."

The devotional period can also be a time of personal spiritual renewing. Is the enemy seeking to discourage individuals? Think of the Lord's powerful promises to us in Isaiah 41:15— "Behold, I will make thee a new, sharp threshing instrument having teeth." Isaiah 41:13—"For I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, 'Fear not; I will help thee'."

Are you disheartened about your meeting? God says, "I will work, who shall hinder it?" He also says, "Put me in remembrance." He further challenges us to prayer when He says, "Concerning the work of my Hands, command ye me." These are strong words, but thanks be to God, He spoke them! The

Lord also tells us that "—When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift a standard against him."

During the prayer time, don't pray in generalities. Specific requests bring specific answers. I cannot think of one instance in the Bible when someone prayed in generalities. Let us make prayer time a time of definite united intercession for the missionaries and their stupendous tasks. Let us also pray much at home that the Spirit of the Lord will make each meeting count much for His glory and real advancement on the mission fields. This is the work with which the Lord has charged us. In our small sphere we are seeking to fulfill His Great Commission to His Church.

Our W. M. U. meetings, then, can be times of worshipping together, unitedly "pressing the battle to the gates" in definite intercession. Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by storm." United importunity brings the victory. Yes, the devotional period must be the spiritually vital point of the meeting.

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lost, and seem to add to the sense of good will which spreads over most of our populace at the Christmas season. However, it is in the church that the music reaches its climax. Listening to "O Holy Night," sung by a soloist, hearing or participating in one of the beautiful choir cantatas can produce a sense of exaltation, a renewal of the joy and wonder at the birth of the Savior. And for the young people there is caroling. Anticipated annually and long remembered is the excursion through the frosty night, singing while walking through the streets, stopping to call, "Merry Christmas!" when doors are opened in appreciation. Usually the caroling party gathers in a home to finish the evening around a fireplace with piping hot cocoa or other warming refreshments.

And one further step is often carried out: a suggested simple service to be used by families as they gather around the tree at home to open gifts. This will project the spirit of Christmas from church to home and give even the family gathering a spiritual tone.

What of your church? Is it using every means to make Christ real this Christmas time? There can be no true Christmas without Him.

The Imminent Return of Jesus Christ

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PROGRESS IN KNOWLEDGE

Daniel foretold that in the days of the "end time" transportation and knowledge should increase. This prophecy is having an amazing fulfillment in our day. Means of communication have developed in our lifetime from a message being sent from a hand-ringing telephone on the wall or a clattering telegraph key - to a televised message to any part of the globe via Telstar in space!

Methods of travel had changed very little for millenniums - but now within the memory of many readers of these words, the means of travel have changed from the horse and buggy to a spacecraft which carried Major Cooper as he orbited the earth at 17,500 miles per hour!

Development in the fields of science is beyond the conception of the average layman. Knowledge of chemical science is increasing one hundred percent every eight years and the figure is dropping. According to report, medical science has made more progress in the last twenty-five years than in the previous six thousand years! And what of these recent years of the vast opening and development of nuclear power and space travel? Could not these marvels before our eyes well fulfill Daniel's predictions of increased knowledge at the time of the end?

Fulfillment of prophecies of the seers, apostles and the Savior strongly indicate that the actual, literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ is very near. Now - the Scriptures declare that the Rapture precedes the return of the Savior to earth. How near then, must we be to the moment when the Church shall meet the Son of God in the air?

A COMFORTING AND INSPIRING HOPE

To the saints in Thessalonica, the imminent return of Jesus Christ for His Church was a most comforting message and hope to those who were in sorrow over the passing of loved ones. It is the same wonderful comfort today.

The imminence of His coming is a compelling incentive for experiencing personal holiness and living a pure life. The Apostle John states that, "he that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself even as He is pure."

And is there a more constraining motive for soul-winning evangelism and world-wide

missionary effort, than the imminent and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior? "The love of Christ constraineth us . . ." We must in no wise be turned from winning souls and leading them into the sweet Canaan of perfect love! Time is limited! What is done must be done without delay!

"Seeing we look for such things. . . what manner of persons ought we to be?" It will be too late at the Rapture to repent, make restitution and get saved. Too late then to get sanctified, have family prayer, win the children to Jesus, do visitation, attend prayer meeting! No time then to support and have revivals, to break up fallow ground, cold hearts and carnal indifference! Opportunities to reach the lost will be gone forever. May we be a people who not only are looking for the blessed hope - but as Paul also says, ". . . those who have loved and yearned for and welcome His return." (Amp.)

O the blessedness of being ready! Unashamed witnesses and unashamed workmen looking for and loving the Heavenly Bridegroom's return. O the joy and expectancy of a spotless Bride, without wrinkle; a soul-burdened Church, in glorious victory; a sanctified and holy people, with fruit and sheaves - awaiting our "Beloved," our Shepherd-Lover, the "Chiefest among ten thousand!"

"Even so, Come Lord Jesus."



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FOR the benefit of those who were not able to attend the National Sunday School Convention in general and the session for song leaders in particular, here is a little review of what was said in that class, which was led by Mr. Charles Ohman, Minister of Music at the Calvary Baptist Church, Hazel Park, Michigan:

Besides the preaching of the gospel, there is nothing greater than the singing of the great songs of the church. There is a fantastic need in this field for effective and dedicated song leaders.

Briefly, the ideal song leader should be sincere, friendly rather than clever. His basic job is to create a spiritual tone, to prepare the people for worship and for the sermon. He should have poise and sureness, self confidence but not cockiness and be able to cope with unexpected situations. He should gain respect and attention at the start and retain attention. When he leads he should look about 2/3 of the way back and keep his eyes where the crowd is, taking in the entire scope.

He will program his songs so that they will not all be hymns or gospel songs or all choruses, but use variety.

The good song leader will show a genuine liking for people. He will be warm and must want to lead the singing.

This ideal music minister will have vitality, but learn control. He will not overload it or unload the whole wagon on the first downbeat. Personality projection is important, being able to get through to the people.

It is very important that he have a good musical ear, accurate pitch, good taste, and a passable singing voice with sufficient volume and range, even though he may not

be a highly trained person. He should have a rhythmic sense and be able to set the proper tempo and provide the accent for group singing. He is the "bass drummer" in the marching band.

If the song leader will remember that he can either make or break the pastor he will give diligence to his work and ask God to help him do his very best.

For those who would like a book on this subject, write to Homer Rodeheaver Hall Mack Co., Winona Lake, Indiana, and ask for Song Leadership.

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cant improvements in the appearance and quality of the recent issues of our paper and other church promotional pieces. Much of this is made possible because of the new offset printing press now in use since September 15. A new camera is also being added which will further improve the quality of our work and give improved layout and color versatility. We can now print larger sheets, use better paper and more color.

Loans have been required for this purpose. If all our readers had been moved as one who writes, money would not have to be borrowed: "I am Stewardship Committee Chairman of our church. I read of the need for a new printing press for the Barclay Press and thought, 'Oh, how I wish I could pay the \$10,000 for the new press for them.' Then when thinking about it, the thought came, 'It's easier to find ten thousand people with one dollar each than one person with \$10,000.' With 5,000 members in our Yearly Meeting . . . maybe we could afford \$2.00 each with no real burden to anyone and the answer to an awful burden to a very few!"

Starting in her own church, this good Friend suggested this idea, sure it would "take fire." Unfortunately, the response that "burst forth" was, "It would be better if two people gave \$5,000."

I am sure, however, that the concern of this concerned Stewardship Chairman is felt by many. Ours is a publishing church. We have something to write about. At this season we are glad for the "Good Tidings" which is really the basic announcement to be given. Our new press equipment is dedicated to this purpose along with the staff of faithful workers at Barclay Press.

J. L. W.

Is God Calling You?

NO candidates for Peru." How those words have been ringing in our ears and bringing burdens to our hearts.

Just two years ago (August, 1962) we were appointed to come to Bolivia. How well I remember the hours and weeks spent in prayer before we could offer ourselves to the Mission Board and say, "We are willing and ready to go." Many things had been consecrated anew to the Lord such as leaving our loved ones; our children, their education and environment; dread of filth and perhaps sickness; learning a new language. Perhaps greatest of all were the comforts of home. God so wonderfully gave promises of assurance that He would help to meet each problem as it arose and He has so graciously fulfilled every promise.

Above all this, He has added many blessings that were impossible to foresee. Greatest of all has been the deep sense of peace and joy that has come in knowing we are in His complete will.

Have you ever felt that perhaps some day you might be a foreign missionary? Have you spent much time recently in prayer seeking to know God's will; or have you been putting it off, saying, "We are active in our church and surely we are needed here"? God has only one place for you to fill. If you are not in that place you are only giving Him your second best. God is calling for workers on the mission field. Are you ready to answer the call by saying, "Here am I, send me"? ●

Martha Puckett

KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

President Milo C. Ross was guest speaker for the sessions of Kansas Yearly Meeting held in October. He also addressed the annual Friends Youth banquet with more than 800 attending, the largest number ever to be served.

Kansas Yearly Meeting gave "heartly approval" to the recommendation of further cooperation with the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

Three men were recorded as ministers of the Gospel during the sessions. Total membership gains for the year were 86. Merle Roe was renamed as General Superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Thanks for Sharing

The Yearly Meeting SHARE Call meant a great deal to Friends Memorial Church. Here are some of the results:

1. A new sense of appreciation of the support of the Yearly Meeting has resulted. Our people felt more fully that the Yearly Meeting and all the churches were "with us" in our expansion effort.

2. We could not have as completely worked out our plans to build and equip our new Educational Unit without the SHARE Call. Some of our people felt we were over-extending ourselves, but by including the potential support from the SHARE Call there was unity and acceptance for the plan presented.

3. Twice, the timeliness of the proceeds "bailed us out" of financial difficulty. Because of changed orders and extras which developed as we went along, we found we were short on our original financing. We faced the prospect of going back to the bank for an increase in our loan. We prayed about it and in our concern we asked how soon we might expect any return from the SHARE Call which had only recently been announced then. Oregon Yearly Meeting replied that an advance against the call could be arranged. This was done and we did not have to increase the loan.

Again, we have recently found it most difficult to get squared away on our new church year budget, due to a number of loose ends which popped up as the result of our construction and expansion which had to be met and taken care of. Just when we were most strapped the final proceeds became available, giving us a tremendous spiritual lift along with the practical solution to our immediate problem.

4. I am sure our own people have become more convinced of the benefits and practical approach of the SHARE Call plan and that it is a wonderful idea, enabling us all to share in the starting of new works and growth of established meetings all over our great Northwest harvest field.

Richard Hendricks

The Northwest Friend

Residents of Pennington Hall, which is named in honor of the author of the Christmas poem on this page, enjoy an evening around the tree in the lounge.

Christmas 1964

By Levi T. Pennington

Come look in this manger cradle,
Ye rulers of all the earth.
Here in this humble stable the
Christ Child has come to birth.
Earth lies asleep but heaven
Is holding its breath this hour.
Here God's will has fulfillment;
Here He reveals His power.
Only a helpless baby?
Into His hands are given
The power of the Almighty,
All power in earth and heaven.

Come look in this manger cradle,
Ye needy of every race.
Ye ignorant, suffering, friendless,
Come look in this baby face.
Earth may forget, but heaven
Has given for you its best.
Angels look down as Mary now
Clasps her babe to her breast.
Infinite compassion now shines
Down from above.
Here in this humble stable
God has revealed His love.

Come look in this manger cradle,
Ye who are burdened with sin.
Here in this cradle lies power
A new life to begin.
Earth may despise you,
But heaven now graciously calls to you.
Here in this cradle lies power
To order your life anew.
Faith in this baby's life and death
Can bring you from sin release.
Through Him the grace of God
Will give pardon and power—and peace.



I Want My Pastor . . .

MY PASTOR is a professional man. The years and money he spent in college and in the seminary could have been spent qualifying him as an attorney, an architect, an engineer, and could have sent him well on his way toward the practice of medicine.

But he didn't want to be an architect or a lawyer; he was called to the ministry. Heaven knows that money didn't attract him. His is a dedicated, selfless job of service that only a firm faith and a lasting devotion could support. He is my pastor because that faith and devotion wouldn't let him settle for anything but the Christian ministry.

I had a hand in hiring him; I help to pay his salary; and I have a voice in virtually everything he does where my church is concerned. Like my church, he is my responsibility; and I want him to go first class. I have never subscribed to the theory that ministers of the gospel should eat less, dress cheaper, or live more frugally than other professional men.

Since he is the chief representative of my church, I want my pastor to look like his people care about him. When he goes to the convention, I want him to have money in his pocket for all of his expenses. I don't want him to scrimp and save from his own allowance to accomplish the work of the church.

Whether he makes more money or less money than I do matters not a whit. What does matter is that he be compensated in a fashion commensurate with his training, his ability, and his responsibilities. If he chooses to give all of his money to the poor and go threadbare himself, that is his business. If he goes threadbare through my own parsimony, that's my business.

I am proud of my pastor and the work he does, I know he'll never be rich in material things. But when he attends my conventions, when he speaks publicly, when he makes the rounds of the ministry, I want all who see him to know that he has a congregation that loves him.

I want my pastor to travel first class.

—Jim Wiggins in the Texas
Baptist Standard

Needs in Nepal

Dr. Ezra DeVol, who is in charge of the United Mission Hospital in Nepal under special arrangement with Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, writes an appeal for prayer and financial support. Oregon Friends are also assisting in this mission and have followed with interest the development of this work the past year and a half since becoming involved in this mission program.

In a report of September 19, 1964, Dr. DeVol writes:

"These are busy days. We have had meetings with the Doctors' Committee, the Internal Management Committee, the Area Committee and are now formulating plans and budgets for the coming year. The expenses for the current year will be over 800,000 Rs. N.C. and our estimates for next year will be over 900,000 Rs. N.C. As everywhere else in the world the cost of living index is going up every year and in order to meet the increasing demands for services in the Medical Center, we have to add some personnel and also need new equipment.

"If there is any way possible we wish we could increase our giving to this very worthwhile work. Some time back we wrote asking whether the money coming in from other Yearly Meetings and organizations, could be given separately and above that given by the Ohio Yearly Meeting.

"For those interested in giving 'specials' there are many things that we need such as:

- 1 pair of platform scales
- 2 baby scales
- 1 electric still for making distilled water.
- 1 portable electric light for the delivery room.

Making a chapel room in Surendra Bhawan, the building which houses our pediatric and maternity departments.

Outside of the UMN work there is the building of a church for the Nepali congregation, which might cost up to \$3,000. Some help for this church would be deeply appreciated.

"We used to have two Bible-classes a week. Now there are at least 5 Bible study groups with the members attending about 2 1/2 times as many as before."

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missionary moments

By Phyllis Cammack

MANY Americans have added the daily bath to the list of virtues, but the Aymara people on the high plains of Bolivia and Peru do not belong to this fraternity of the bath.

There may be several reasons for this. In the first place it is almost always frosty in the shade, and no Aymara home is heated. I can understand that some people may have a traumatic dislike for baths because of the defenseless position in which a bath places them. Moreover, B. O. has no social stigma. These people do not hate their smells; their taste is developed to enjoy their own odor. Smoky smells have good connotations—heat and food. (These are the major smells that overwhelm the foreigner for he is not accustomed to Aymara heat and food.)

If the feet are muddy, then wash them in the river or puddle, but what harm do muddy feet do to rocky roads or mud floors? The child's face is dirty and crusted? Well, we'll wash him (in cold water, naturally). But do you think it's really worthwhile?

The Christians among the Aymaras begin to clean up. There are individual differences in their rate of progress. Reading the Bible and singing "Whiter Than Snow" encourage a spontaneous growth of physical cleanliness. Perhaps the first reading of the text, "Now ye are clean through the word," will suggest a literal physical purity. The spiritual meaning of this verse and others may demand an outward illustration.

Christian Aymaras are sensitive to missionary opinion and example. The women will wash their muslin blouses more often after having been converted. After having taken a few classes in hygiene they will take an interest in washing their hands, and baby's face. At the end of a dusty, hard trip to a conference in La Paz, they may even become extremists and hold the wriggling naked baby under the faucet of cold water to make him conform to the social standards of the locale. The men become more conscientious about washing their faces, combing their hair every morning, and washing their feet in the evening. (It's regrettable that it is sometimes hard to convert the socks.)

How refreshing it is that they take this verse literally: "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil." Isaiah 1:16 They then belong to a Higher Fraternity of the Bath.

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through the deep wells of sorrow and suffering, or in any of myriads of human needs. The wonderful part is that He is working out His purposes for His own children and for His great church.

It may not be that you will see and find God's best through the easy ways of life but through the very things that would seem to

defeat and destroy you. God's program for His people is not limited to just a little blessing, but ". . . exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. . ."

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

SHARE

LISTEN! LITTLE QUAKERS

By Marie Haines

Making Christmas Last

JUST wish Christmas would last and last," Becky sighed happily. "This was the best Christmas I can remember."

"You always say that," her brother Stanley laughed. "But I got everything that I wanted too."

"I know what I am going to do to make Christmas last," Becky decided. "I'm going to put my games and playthings away and keep them just like new. I'll keep my box of candy and just eat one piece a day too."

The next day, Suzie and May came over to play. "Let's play with your new doll house," Suzie suggested.

"No, I've put it away to keep," Becky shook her head.

"Show them your music box," Stan offered. "It plays six tunes, Becky."

"No, no, it might wear out. I'm going to keep it nice and new," Becky protested.

"You're a stingy old meany and we're going home," the little girls said flouncing out of the house.

"Come on Becky, let's put your puzzle together. I want to see what it looks like," Stanley said.

"Some of the pieces might get lost," Becky said firmly. "I want to keep my things nice and new and make Christmas last."

"You're just being selfish that's all," Stan said in disgust.

Others wanted to see Becky's things. Cousin Mary wanted to read one of her books. Cousin Joe wanted to play the funny looking train game. Becky refused to bring her things out.

"I'm hungry for some Christmas candy. Have you any left Becky?" mother asked several days later.

"Yes," Becky confessed, "But I put it away. I want to keep it."

"Go get your candy at once," daddy said sternly. "That is no way to act."

"Never mind," mother said, "I couldn't eat it anyway now."

"Here Mom," Stan said fishing some gummy looking caramels out of his pocket. "Take some of mine."

Sister Sue ran to get her big box of chocolates. "Take some of mine mother. There aren't many left but you are welcome to them."

Becky looked on sorrowfully but went slowly upstairs. The next day, she said to her mother, "Will my new dress be done in time for Mary's New Year's party?"

"No, Becky, I'm afraid not," mother said cheerily. "I haven't time to make things for such a selfish little girl."

By the end of the week, Becky was so unhappy she wished she had never thought of saving the Christmas spirit. She put her head down on the table and began to cry.

"What is the matter with my Becky?" mother asked softly stroking her hair.

"Oh, mother, I thought I'd do something lovely and save the Christmas feeling," Becky sobbed, "and—and it's turned out horrid. Nobody likes me and I'm just miserable."

"Of course you are, dear," mother said. "It's all because you made a mistake about what it is that makes the lovely Christmas feeling. The reason we are so joyous at Christmas time is not just because we have new gifts and good things to eat. It is because we love everyone. We try to make them have a good time. Everyone loves us and tries to make us happy too. That is what we should keep doing all the time. Then, Christmas will last all the year."

"I see, mother. I'm sorry I was selfish. It isn't a bit nice to have everyone not like me."

"Dry your eyes honey, and see, here is a surprise I have for you." Mother held up the pretty dress she had finished.

"O, thank you mother," Becky hugged her mother. "Stan, do you want to try my puzzle while I am at the party?"

"Sure thing, Becky, thanks," Stan beamed.

"I feel better already mother." Becky took the new dress and ran to get ready for the party.



AMONG THE CHURCHES

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

HAYDEN LAKE, Wayne Piersall, pastor

October our "Round Up" month proved to be quite successful showing a 10% increase over October a year ago. The "Round Up" supper and program November 6 was attended by 130, far exceeding our expectations. ¶ Fifteen, counting sponsors attended the "Youth Advance" at Lake Wenatchee October 30-November 1. ¶ Clynton Crisman spoke to our SS teachers and gave an inspiring message Sunday evening November 1. ¶ Thirteen members, three Associate and ten Active, were taken into our church at the Sunday morning service November 8. A Pot Luck dinner followed the service to welcome our new members.

—Dorothy Peterson, reporting

SPOKANE, Clare Willcuts, pastor

At November's potluck business meeting we had a large turn out for a Thanksgiving dinner with a pounding party for our pastor and wife. On Veteran's Day, Friends Youth had a Goof Off party at the church. ¶ Hayden Lake ladies joined us for our

WMU meeting November 12. Mrs. Kathy McGrew, a missionary in Indonesia for the past 14 years was guest speaker. Proceeds from the ladies rummage sale will go toward a new piano for the church sanctuary. ¶ Four men from Spokane attended the Quaker Men's Retreat at Pendleton.

EAST WENATCHEE, Robert Morrill, pastor

We had a representation at the Quarterly meeting at Quincy Friends Church. Superintendent Dean Gregory spoke for us Sunday morning. Sunday evening and Wednesday services we joined in the special service of the Entiat Friends. The speaker was Wayne Piersall. ¶ The SS superintendent reports the continuation of the Unified Services once each month. ¶ Thanks to Mr. McEldowney for the new cement sidewalks. ¶ Mrs. Morrill has been under doctor's care but is now recovered and out again. ¶ The Robert Engles house burned but the family escaped. Our church made up boxes of clothing, household effects and Thanksgiving food boxes.

—Mrs. Ralph Kellogg, reporting

BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

BOISE, Dale Field, pastor

Our fall SS contest covered four Sundays beginning October 25. We competed with Medford Friends and Seattle Memorial. The theme for the attendance campaign was, "For Times Like These." Ballots were furnished to each member of the SS with everyone entitled to one vote per Sunday plus one vote for each visitor. Special awards were given each week to the ones who had the most visitors. Medford was the winner, but we are happy to report a 12% increase in attendance. ¶ Thirty-eight Junior Friends Youth attended a Halloween party on Friday evening October 23, in the Emerson Annex. ¶ Clinton Repp attended the Annual Yearly Meeting Friends Youth Executive Advance week ending October 24. ¶ In connection with prayer meeting November 11, missionary pictures of the work in Nepal were shown. ¶ Wilmer Brown, northwest Regional Director for National Association of Evangelicals, spoke at our church Sunday morning November 15.

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MERIDIAN, Dorwin Smith, pastor

Ground breaking ceremonies for our new church were held October 4. About 150 attended. Kenneth Pitts, Helen Sheirbon and Robert Ralphs spoke. Several participated with the first shovel full. ¶ The first Sunday of November Robert Ralphs presented us with the matching fund of \$5,000 from the Yearly Meeting. ¶ We are happy to have Warren and Edith Moor from Newberg here to help us on our new church. We appreciate their concern. Also Hugh McNichols from Star is working full time on our church. Our new church is rapidly coming into reality.

NAMPA, William Meehan, pastor

A look at Nampa's November church calendar shows a variety of activities. Starting the month out right was "Rally Day" with guest speaker Dean Gregory. A film "The Uncommitted" was shown.

¶ Other activities included our monthly service at Boise Rescue Mission, "Stewardship Sunday" with special speaker Willard Kennon, a study of Christian Education with guest Howard Harmon, and the annual "Harvest Home Dinner" with an addition—a Talent Program using church and SS members. ¶ Our SS attendance record board is decorated with a red ribbon, Yearly Meeting attendance increase prize. ¶ To complete the month we presented a play "The Only Day I Have." ¶ Friends Youth Area Leadership Conference was held in our church over Thanksgiving weekend. Chuck Mylander spoke the last Sunday of the month.

WHITNEY, Randall Emry, pastor

The church choir is busy practicing for the Christmas Cantata. ¶ A new piano is now in the sanctuary as a memorial to Mrs. Daisy Stewart. ¶ Several people turned out to help our janitors clean the church for Quarterly Meeting which was held the last of October. ¶ Dean Gregory presented the morning message, November 1. ¶ We stressed Stewardship in November with talks, skits, and the poster contest. ¶ Winners of the SS Contest were Steven Erickson, Beverly McGillivray, and Lillian Murphy. There was an increase in attendance. ¶ Junior Church has been started again with Laura Shook as director. She has several assistants. ¶ Four men from Whitney went to Meridian to help

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

PRINGLE, Paul Baker, pastor

Ten of our youth group attended the Youth Rally at the Marion Friends Church. ¶ Our pastor attended the short course at GFC. ¶ A few of our members attended the GFC Homecoming. ¶ Frank Haskins was our evening speaker November 1. ¶ Forty-six Friends Youth had a hay ride party for Halloween. ¶ Our youth group has been divided. Charlotte Cammack is the leader of the Junior High Group. Frank ViTaris is leading the Senior High and College group. ¶ We are having a collection of used clothing for the Union Gospel Mission. Many have been brought and the WMU will repair and clean them for resale at the Mission's store in Salem. ¶ Fourteen young adults attended the party at the Frank ViTaris home November 6.

—Bea Adams, reporting

SOUTH SALEM, John Fankhauser, pastor

Our pastor has been released on several occasions to speak in missionary conventions and other services in various churches with regard to the needs of our field, and the Lord's heart-cry for workers, particularly pertaining to our responsibility in Peru. ¶ Filling the pulpit in his absence among others were Frank Haskins, the young people of the church, and Chuck Mylander showing some fine colored films taken in Bolivia and Peru. He brought a challenge especially to the work with youth of those countries. ¶ May Nordyke, WMU president for OYM, has travelled to various churches to speak to WMU's. ¶ Friends Youth and SS groups have enjoyed several socials, also trips to Portland YFC this fall. ¶ Our

with the work on the new church. ¶ A Missionary Literature offering was taken up Sunday, October 25. ¶ The General Education Committee held a supper for the new Collegians Class. Members of the class are seniors in high school and college age. ¶ The Senior Friends Youth had two lessons on soul winning recently. Our pastor presented the lessons. —Beverly Smith, reporting

MELBA, J. Harley Adams, pastor

We believe God is blessing the work here in Melba as a result of the faithful folk who are praying for us throughout the Yearly Meeting. ¶ There is still a forward move, for a new carpet has been put down in the narthex; new birth cabinets are installed in the parsonage; cottage prayer meetings have been started for the ladies each Tuesday morning; three new ones are now on the cradle roll and two new families have started attending. November 8 was a high point Sunday in the evening service with 46 in attendance. Clynton Crisman's visit to our church was a wonderful help along with the evaluation letter he sent back with suggestions for further advancements. ¶ While the pastor was holding special meetings at Homedale, Idaho Arthold Latham, principal of Greenleaf Academy, brought very helpful messages for the morning services. Laura Shook took the responsibility for the evening service on December 6 and showed her slides. ¶ We are trusting you will keep praying for us!

educational unit is rising to the rear of the church. We surely need the space it will provide!

—Margaret Shipman, reporting

SPRAGUE RIVER, Evert Tuning, pastor

We were glad to have Forrest and Orpha Cammack with us in our morning services October 25. ¶ Our WMU met with Nina Gienger Thursday, October 22. Much interest was shown in sewing for a missionary family. ¶ Barie Pittock, Melbourne, Australia, was with us for prayer meeting, October 28. He showed slides and told of the living conditions of the aborigines. Many of the Christian young people have donated their work in helping to construct houses for these unfortunate people. He also showed slides of several Friends Meeting Houses and Yearly Meeting scenes in Australia. ¶ We are studying the book of Romans in our Sunday evening Bible study. ¶ Repair work has been done on the church vestibule and repair work is in progress in the parsonage.

—Pauline Childs, reporting

HIGHLAND AVENUE, L. Merle Green, pastor

October was observed as stewardship month, with our stewardship chairman, Lillian Frazier, bringing talks to the SS. For the month of October our SS won a white ribbon for attendance. ¶ Dean Gregory was our guest speaker and soloist of the Sunday evening service October 18. We welcomed Dr. Milo Ross to our SS and worship service November 1. Students from GFC furnished the special music. ¶ The church gave the Floyd DeLapp family a surprise house warming in their new home. They pre-

sented the DeLapps with two wall plaques. ¶ We are participating in the project of Food for Foreign Relief. ¶ The WMU sponsored a ham dinner November 19, with Chuck Mylander as the guest speaker.

MARION, Edward F. Harmon, pastor

We have just completed a SS contest and went over 30% some Sundays. ¶ The young people are active, going skating, swimming, hay rides and socials. Also a Junior Church has been organized. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Keith Coulson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary October 11 in the church annex and many Friends were present to greet them. ¶ Mrs. Erma DeLapp outlined the program for the coming year at WMU. ¶ Our pastor preached on Stewardship during November. We solicit your prayers for revival in Marion this year.

—George Wilkinson, reporting

MEDFORD, Jack L. Willcuts, pastor

In celebration of our 22nd Anniversary 135 enjoyed the fellowship dinner. Our special guest of

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

NORTHEAST TACOMA, Fred Baker, pastor

Six from our church attended the National SS Convention held in Portland. They gave reports of the convention at our October Christian Workers Conference. ¶ Each Sunday we are giving a "Citizens' Honor Award" to the SS class that shows the largest gain over that of the months of July, August and September 1964. ¶ Our Monthly Fellowship dinner was held at our church on Thursday, October 29. We had a good number out for this dinner which was "pot-luck style." ¶ The youth of our church had a Halloween party on Friday, October 30. The guests were the Friends Youth from Tacoma Friends. Prizes were given for the best costumed girl and boy. There were approximately fifty in attendance. ¶ On October 22, four of our young people, went with our pastor and his wife for a visitation time during which about fifteen calls were made. ¶ On November 4, Mr. & Mrs. C. Earle Turner from Colorado Springs, Colorado spoke to us in behalf of the "Board of Stewardship" of OYM.

—Donna Knutson, reporting

FRIENDS MEMORIAL, Oscar Brown, pastor

National Day of Prayer was observed by the WMU's of Puget Sound Quarterly Meeting at Holly Park church October 21. Ten from our church attended. ¶ Earle and Esther Turner from Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting were with us November 8 to share with us their concern for the work of stewardship. ¶ October 31 marked a family night social time—a costume party. ¶ We have been in a contest with Medford and Boise SS based on a percentage gain over last year's October attendance. Congratulations to Medford who came out on top, and to Boise coming in second. ¶ The November meetings of the WMU's had special speakers with Joanne Barrett speaking on missionary work in

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honor was Clifton Ross who has missed only one Anniversary Day observance. ¶ Our vote for SS emphasis was successful and many new faces were seen. God Is My Landlord was shown in one opening session and the new blackout curtains were used. Mr. John Dellenback, State Representative spoke one Sunday morning on "Christian Citizenship." Forrest Cammack was with us on November 8 and told us about Sprague River and on the last Sunday Chuck Mylander talked about his trip to Peru. The month long campaign brought an increase of 26 1/2% above the same four Sundays last year. We had 351 in attendance the last day. ¶ Basketball practice has started and we have three teams in the Medford Church league. ¶ Our revival services were a blessing and the gracious ministry of Norval Hadley was greatly enjoyed. Friday night was special youth night and dessert was served at the church and missionary movies were shown before the evening meeting. ¶ On Saturday the Junior Hi and High Schoolers participated in special classes, workshops, and training periods. These classes for Christian leadership were led by Chuck Mylander and a group of Yearly Meeting Friends Youth officers.

Italy to the day group, and May Nordyke speaking to the evening group. ¶ Dave Bishop and the four other college students from SPC, who spent the summer in Venezuela with the "Evangelism in Depth" Program, gave their testimony in recent evening services in word, pictures, and music, on how God worked through them in this soul-winning program. ¶ Twelve of our Friends Youth attended Quarterly Meeting Youth Rally at NE Tacoma church. Chuck Neifert was the special speaker.

—Dorothy Groves, reporting

EVERETT FRIENDS, Calvin Hull, pastor

We are busy with our SS Contest. We've divided into a red group and a blue group and are traveling via a red and a blue truck to Greenleaf, Idaho and back to Everett bringing our pastors furniture, etc. back with us. Beside trying to increase our attendance we are raising \$100.00 to pay toward the Hulls moving expenses. October 25 was Parents day and we were delighted with the results. ¶ A reception to welcome our pastors was held October 18. ¶ We are pleased with the good response we've had to our new Friends Youth group and the number who attend these meetings. ¶ An all SS Halloween party was held October 30. ¶ The Earle Turners from Colorado held a special meeting in our church November 6 and told of their work.

ROSEMERE, Edwin Cammack, pastor

If you have found yourself in the neighborhood of Rosemere Friends Church of late, you must have noticed a change in the church building. Our pastor and others, have put in many long hours after work bringing our building and property up to standards required by city laws. ¶ Not only have we gained materially, but, as the result of a fall revival held in September by Walter Lee, the spiritual growth

has been making big strides, especially in the lives of the youth. ¶ The Kings Daughters WMU sponsored a silver tea, October 18, with Kathy Lui as guest speaker. On November 10 at the Kings Daughters WMU slides were shown of the Bolivian field. ¶ One activity enjoyed by the men of the church, is a 7 A.M. Saturday bi-monthly prayer meeting and breakfast, prepared by the men themselves. ¶ We have been thankful for a 40% gain in SS attendance over a year ago.

—Eunice Coats, reporting

HOLLY PARK, Charles Morgan, pastor

The Puget Sound Quarterly Meeting WMU held their annual "All Day" of prayer in our church October 21. ¶ Our Missionary Emphasis held October 23-25 was very profitable. John Fankhauser spoke and showed pictures of Peru. He spoke to the men at their Saturday morning breakfast. ¶ Phyllis Cammack had charge of the program of the WMU "Tea" Saturday afternoon. ¶ Saturday evening Paul and

NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

CHEHALEM CENTER, Robert Fiscus, pastor

The boys' club met in their new club room for the first time on the evening of October 28. The basement of the parsonage, which has been unused and damp for many years, has been made into a very attractive club room for the boys with a photographic dark room and counseling room built in on one side. The boys are enthusiastically working in leathercraft and will be taking up photography and picture developing during the year. Our girls' club meets in the church basement at the same time with good attendance and enthusiasm in both the clubs. ¶ Our WMU was privileged to hear Phyllis Cammack bring a report on "Retreats in Bolivia" in a recent meeting at the church. ¶ Chuck and Marian Smith, GFC students from Meridian, Idaho, were with us on November 15. They took charge of the music for the morning service and told of the progress of the Meridian Outpost, where two of our own members, Warren and Edith Moor, are working on the new church building. ¶ November 22, was a special GFC Day in our church with Dr. Milo Ross, president of GFC bringing the morning message.

NEWBERG, Charles Ball, pastor

Kathryn Liu told the Julia Pearson WMU about the work among the Chinese in Portland at a meeting at the home of Thelma Browne on October 26. ¶ At a church potluck supper on November 10, Calvin Gregory showed pictures of Southern California Friends churches and other scenes. ¶ Charles Ball was speaker at Newberg Quarterly Meeting at Tigard on November 14.

—Margaret Weesner, reporting

TIGARD, Orville Winters, pastor

We now have a Building Fund! It started with a beautiful check of \$250 we received from picking up filberts. Some of the ladies of the church went out while others cared for the children. Much enthusiasm, interest, and concern is evidenced as we look forward to plans of expansion in our educational

Phyllis Cammack had charge of the young peoples missionary rally. They presented slides and talked on Missions. After refreshments the group went to Franklin High School and watched the football game. Bob Hadlock is a member of the team. ¶ Paul Cammack had the missionary message in the Sunday morning worship hour. Both Paul and Phyllis presented missions to the different SS departments. ¶ Two of our young people attended a training retreat for "Friends Youth" sponsored by Inland Quarterly Meeting held at Lake Wenatchee. ¶ October 30 our church enjoyed a "Talent Night" and "pot-luck desert" under the direction of the Social Committee. ¶ We are very happy with the increasing quality in the work of our SS. In October the teachers "followed up" 92% of their absentees. Seven teachers had 100% "follow up." We also have instituted a "52 Club." ¶ Earle and Esther Turner from Pueblo, Colorado presented their concern for Stewardship in our church November 9.

—M. Ethel Cowgill, reporting

unit. ¶ Our church was host to Quarterly Meeting November 13-14. Dr. Arthur Roberts presented the devotional at Ministry and Oversight and Charles Ball brought the special message of the morning Saturday. ¶ The November WMU was held at the home of Lois Winters. Alice Ross showed pictures of her past work with lepers. ¶ Our pastor attended the Pastors' Short Course which was recently held in Newberg.

SPRINGBROOK, Marion Clarkson, pastor

Sunday evening November 8, Dan and Linnea Stahlnecker were in our services. Dan brought the message and Linnea sang a special number. We appreciated their ministry. ¶ The young people of high school and college age enjoyed a banquet in the social room of the church Saturday evening, November 14. Brian Beals was master of ceremonies and the Travelers Four, a male quartet from Cascade College, sang several numbers. Lynwood Lundquist was the guest speaker. ¶ Dalton Cook, our Quarterly Meeting Superintendent, presented the work of the Evangelistic Board, Sunday morning, November 15. He stressed the fact that we can all be witnesses. ¶ The November WMU meeting was led by Alice Ross of Newberg. Through pictures she presented the work among the lepers in Africa where she was a missionary. ¶ A boys' club has been organized under the leadership of Jim Libby and Bob Goodwin. The girls' club is sponsored by Yvonne Hull and Mary Galloway. We do appreciate the help of the college young people. ¶ We are glad to report seekers at our altar during our regular services.

WEST CHEHALEM, Gene Hockett, pastor

Our revival meetings this year with Roscoe Knight as evangelist were very challenging. Each evening Roscoe showed pictures of mission fields which he had visited. He then presented a challenging message and there were several at the altar during the week. ¶ We appreciate the number of college students who are attending our services this year.

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GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

GREENLEAF, Kenneth Pitts, pastor

October 4 was "Two Family Day" and also Rally Day in our SS. Each family in the church invited another family then took them home to share dinner. ¶ Several from Greenleaf attended the National SS Convention in Portland in October. ¶ On Rally Day, the Opportunity SS class invited members of the Pleasant Ridge Grange to the morning meeting, then shared a basket dinner in the Home Economics rooms. ¶ Of special blessing October 4, was a dedication service for three small children. ¶ Willa Piersall of Hayden Lake was guest speaker at a special District W. C. T. U. meeting at the church on October 22. ¶ Forrest and Cornelia Holmes were honored at an open house in their home in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary on November 1. ¶ Quaker Men journeyed to Caldwell November 9, to hear Orville Styles. ¶ Our prayer meeting November 11 was in charge of Roy Knight who presented part of the faculty and students in a program about our Academy. Joe McAfee showed moving pictures of the building program also. Our two African girls from Kenya are enjoying Greenleaf.

PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

FIRST FRIENDS, Gerald Dillon, pastor

Twenty-two Koreans attended SS and their own church service on October 25 at First Friends. Fourteen of the Koreans were sailors from the Korean ship the SILA. First Friends women provided dinner for the entire group following the service. ¶ Each Sunday evening at 7:00 David and Kathy Liu are having Chinese church services. ¶ For some time now the church has been engaged in a Monday night calling program. ¶ We are all proud of Clark Adams who won the Best Actor Award in a One-Act-Play which was held at GFC during Homecoming weekend. He was also co-director of the play he was in and this play won the Best Play Award. ¶ The annual Thanksgiving potluck was held November 25 with the high schoolers providing the program.

—Renee Kargel, reporting

SECOND FRIENDS, Lyle Love, pastor

Our Christian Education Committee designated the month of October as Appreciation Month. A box was placed in the foyer of the church and names of the people were placed in the box along with the reasons given for why they should be selected as one to receive special recognition in the church. Then a committee chose one of these for each Sunday and a gift of appreciation was given to them during the worship hour. Those who received special recognition were Charlene Campbell, Ruby Colver, Ralph Lewis, and Betty Love. ¶ Our pastor gave the opening and closing devotions for a week over TV and radio station KOIN in Portland. ¶ We were happy to have Carroll and Doris Tamplin with us in our services and Carroll brought a very challenging message to us concerning his recent trip to Bolivia where he visited the mission fields of OYM as well as those of World Gospel Mission. ¶ Betty Love has organized a Children's Sing Time and the

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ONTARIO, Calvin Wilkins, pastor

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." First, the work of the Spirit was much in evidence as victories were won and hearts blessed during a series of special meetings with Denver Headrick November 1-15. Materially, offerings during the month of October were such that it was possible to meet all past obligations on fixed expense and Quarterly Meeting budgets, and to completely pay off the mortgage on the church property. Praise the Lord! ¶ A Gideon from Roseburg challenged us with their work in the morning service October 18. Roy Knight, Cecil Hardinger, and five young people from Greenleaf Academy presented an evening of music and testimony October 25. ¶ Quarterly Meeting sessions at Caldwell November 7 and 8 were attended by several from Ontario. ¶ Fourteen people attended the pizza party held in the senior Friends Youth preceeding the revival meeting November 10, and almost all stayed for the service. ¶ The quilting of a comfort for the mission home in Bolivia was the project of the WMU as nine women met November 19 in the home of Thelma Hull.

children bring special numbers in song in the morning worship hour. The Christian Education Committee has a Bible story for the children during this time. ¶ There were two parties held for the youth during the month of October. The Junior SS visited a haunted house then returned to the church basement for refreshments and games. The high school and college youth were entertained at a Halloween barn party at the Terrel Repp home. ¶ We are glad to welcome the Terrel Repp family as members of our church and are happy that Terrel has consented to lead our choir of high school and college youth.

HILLSBORO, Russel Stands, pastor

Several of our SS teachers both enjoyed and profited from attending the SS convention in Portland. ¶ Mr. Stands conducted the funeral of Mrs. Florence Felton. She did not belong to our church, but had been interested in it for several years and Mr. Stands visited her regularly during her months in a local rest home. ¶ Charles Mylander showed his pictures of Bolivia and Peru and told of his trip and of the youth work carried on there. His wife, Nancy, and brothers, Howard and Roger, were here with him also.

—Grace Yates, reporting

METOLIUS, Richard Cossel, pastor

The Friends Youth group of our church has been enjoying a busy round of activities. On October 11 the filmstrip "Going Steady" was viewed and discussed. Stanley Perisho, admissions officer for GFC, met with the juniors and seniors following the evening service where he presented slides and led a discussion of the college. On October 18, a dinner was held in the church basement for four members of the Portland Quarterly Meeting Executive who

met with the young people during the Friends youth hour. Four girls accompanied their sponsor, Donna Cloud to a Youth Rally at Lynwood Friends Church in Portland on October 25, attending the evening service at First Friends. ¶The group joined with the Madras High School Bible Club for a Halloween party on October 30. ¶The Junior High age young people have been enjoying roller skating at the Redmond Roller Rink on the third Monday of each month. ¶A Halloween party for adults was held at the parsonage on October 30. ¶A SS teachers and officers meeting and workshop was held at the church on November 5, featuring a filmstrip and discussion period. ¶Our church has been "pounding" the pastor and his family during the month of November as a means of expressing our appreciation for another year of faithful service. ¶The Annual Harvest Dinner, sponsored by the WMU, was held at the church the evening of November 18, and featured special numbers by the Junior Choir under the direction of Vivian Hopper and Divonna Cossel, and the showing of a film. ¶Our church joined with the two churches of Culver on November 15 for the annual Union Thanksgiving Service, held this year at the Metolius Friends Church.

LYNWOOD, Howard E. Harmon, pastor

Portland Quarterly Meeting met at Lynwood October 23-25. Highlight of the meeting was a Pastoral Leadership Panel with Dr. Arthur Roberts, Howard E. Harmon, George Palmer and Wilbert Eichenberger as leaders. ¶Guest speakers during the past month were: Robert Geyer of World Gospel Mission, during SS, November 1; Paul Mills of George Fox teaching an adult class in Prophecy in SS dur-

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

VANCOUVER, Fred Newkirk, pastor

SS attendance this fall has been above 10% increase over last year. Three new classes have been added and even though we have been in our new building only a few months, there is immediate demand for more room; the last phase of our building program is needed. ¶An organized calling program has been instituted and 112 calls were made the first Sunday afternoon by many of our faithful members. The results are overwhelming—new families have become interested in hearing more of the Gospel and are attending. ¶Our three Friends Youth groups are functioning very actively.

—Rayma Cogswell, reporting

CHERRY GROVE, Lloyd Melhorn, pastor

On October 18 a special offering was received for missionary literature. ¶The parking lot dividers have been completely rebuilt by the Trustees. ¶The Friends Youth Group has been very active lately. On October 24 a Halloween Scavenger Hunt was held, beginning and ending at the home of Larry Schiffman. The CE'ers also have bought floor tile for the pastor's study, have sent \$20 to Missionary Aviation Fellowship for cargo straps, and have paid their Yearly Meeting Pledge, and their pledge to

ing the whole month and morning message, November 15; the Turners of Pueblo, Colo., with a message on Stewardship, prayer meeting of November 18. ¶A group of 120 people enjoyed a fellowship dinner following the morning message of November 1. ¶Willard and Ethelyn Shattuck were surprised with a "This is Your Life" program at the Fellowship Hall the evening of November 6. Allen Hadley was master of ceremonies and kept the program moving with a number of humorous and serious incidents of the life of Willard and Ethelyn. The Shattucks are presently residents of the Friends-view Manor with Willard teaching part-time at GFC. ¶Howard Harmon spent several days in Idaho visiting the churches on behalf of OYM Christian Education Board. ¶Music In My Soul" was the theme of the November evening message presented by the music committee. ¶An interesting report for the month was a high attendance of 207 at SS and 101 calls by our pastor.

SVENSEN, Dan Nolta, pastor

Our pastor exchanged pulpits with Glenn Armstrong on October 18. ¶Clynton Crisman and Chuck Mylander were with us on October 24. Chuck showed his pictures of Bolivia to a young people's meeting Saturday night and Clynton brought the message Sunday morning. ¶The Junior Hi Class had a progressive dinner previous to the meeting on Saturday evening. ¶The Junior Girls Class had a Halloween party given by their teacher Mrs. Ford. ¶Enthusiasm is being built up over the SS contest. Different classes have written songs as a theme. The Junior Boys have had the banner for the past month. ¶November 14, the young adult class had a salmon bake at the home of Bud and Ilene Johnson.

Twin Rocks. On Wednesday, November 11, they painted their CE room. ¶Ten from this church attended the GFC Homecoming November 6 and 7. ¶Sunday evening, November 8, a 28 minute color film, "Asia, the Fiery Furnace," was shown. It presents the need of China and Asia today for material and spiritual help. ¶On prayer meeting night, November 11, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Turner of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, were here to present their burden for Christian Stewardship. They brought a very attractive display of books, tracts, and posters, and their talk was especially challenging as they urged the use of time, talent, tithe and offerings for the Lord's work. ¶On November 14, we were hosts to Southwest Washington Quarterly Meeting and to the Quarterly Meeting Friends Youth on Sunday afternoon.

—Marjorie Rengo, reporting

FOREST HOME, Roy Dunagan, pastor

The SS contest which began the first of October has been extended through November. A beautiful chest, the work of the pastor, Roy Dunagan, will go to the participant with the most points at the end of the contest. The chest contains numerous gifts contributed by members of the SS staff. ¶The Oc-

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tober Homecoming Sunday brought a number of former members together and also some visitors. Special music and guest ministers contributed to the occasion. An interval in the afternoon was given to the memory of Mrs. Viva LaFrance, pioneer member of the church who went on to be with the Lord this summer. Warm tributes were given to her faithfulness and influence in prayer. An organ fund was begun in the summer as a memorial to Mrs. La France.

—Mrs. W.J. Powell, reporting

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

HOLTON-RIGSBY. — Marvin Holton and Pat Rigbsby were united in marriage, October 8, at the Whitney Methodist Church.

BIRTHS

WATSON. — To Ron and Marlene Watson, Spokane, a son, Steven William born June 6.
DOUGHERTY. — To Chuck and Betty Dougherty, Spokane, a daughter, Dawn Melody, born June 6.
CROSBY. — To Roland and Irene Crosby, Spokane, a son, Dillon Ward, born August 1.
TRENNER. — To Mr. and Mrs. Gary Trenner, Camas, a son.
WINTERS. — To Orlin and Linda Winters, Eugene, Oregon, a son, Kevin Leroy, born November 11.
BELT. — To Courtney and Joyce (Hoover) Belt, Julietta, Idaho, a son, Lee Courtney, born October 30.
DeLAPP. — To Jim and Patricia DeLapp, a daughter, Janna Colleen, born October 25.
SNYDER. — To David and Lorraine Snyder, a son, Michael Vincent, born November 5.
HARRIS. — To Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harris, a daughter, Pauline Royce, born September 15.
HOPPER. — To Mr. and Mrs. William Hopper, a son, Richard William, born October 6.
SHEIRBON. — To Marvin and Lillian Sheirbon, a son, Rodney Dean, born November 10.
HANSON. — To Paul and Louella Hanson, a son, David Bruce, born November 8.
GARNER. — To Don and Donna Garner of Eagle, Idaho, a son, Daniel Ray, born October 19.

DEATHS

TUNING. — Harley E. Tuning passed away October 18, in Caldwell, Idaho. He was 67 years old.
SMITH. — Charles Stanton Smith, born September 10, 1861, passed away October 24, at 103 years of age. He was grandfather of Dorwin Smith, Yearly Meeting Clerk, and was the oldest person in the state of Idaho.
WHITE. — Mr. Lee White passed away October 28.
HOOVER. — Herbert Hoover, 90, Ex-President of the United States, member of Newberg Monthly Meeting, passed away October 20.
WEESNER. — Pearl B. Weesner 75, passed away November 15, at Newberg, Oregon. Funeral services were held at Newberg Friends Church November 18, with Charles A. Beals, Charles S. Ball

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and Levi T. Pennington, officiating.
WELLS. — Jennings Wells, uncle of Charles Morgan, passed away November 5. He had spent most of his life in Seattle.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Friends of Puget Sound area through the Quaker Cove Corporation are seeking a couple, preferably retired with some income, to live at Quaker Cove, Anacortes, Washington. A three room cabin with bath and utilities will be furnished in exchange for light duties on the grounds. Interested persons are to write Eric Palmer, 3022 NE 87th St., Seattle, Washington 98115.

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The life income plan enables friends of Christian education to put their real property, cash, or securities to immediate use for the cause of Christ and George Fox College, while retaining for themselves a guaranteed income for life. The gift, subject to said reserved life income, is absolute and irrevocable. The rate of interest is regulated according to the age of the donor up to 7 per cent.

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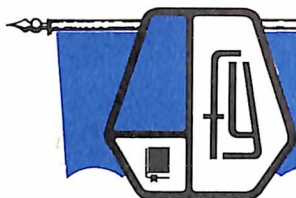


Both boys and girls are enjoying the club activities at Chehalis Center Friends Church. (see news item on page 20)

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word of the Lord" at every opportunity.

Teenager, are you afraid of a commitment like this? Do you fear to be labeled "unrealistic" or "impractical"? Only when you go stark, raving mad about your Saviour like Paul was will the fulfillment of the Great Commission be in sight. And only as a "radical Christian" can you hope to successfully "redeem the time" in winning your world to Jesus Christ.



"More Than Conquerors"

NEWS OF OYM FRIENDS YOUTH

Mid-Winter 1964

Last year the one thing that made Mid-winter different from the very start was the prayer of God's people. People all over our Yearly Meeting were praying, and the attitude of the kids at Mid-winter from the very first service was one of prayer and expectancy. Why, we had the feeling that we were just standing by watching God work—because you were praying! Kids not only were saved in the services, but all during the day and evening as their counselors and friends talked with them. Won't you pray much again this year?

PRAY

1. That those whom God wants to attend will get their pre-registration in the mail by December 21.
2. That God will give the outpouring of His Holy Spirit at Mid-winter Convention, 1964.
3. That youth will be saved, sanctified, and called to full-time Christian service.
4. That God's direction might be given in the romances that inevitably develop!
5. That evangelist Roscoe Knight will know God's direction and the Holy Spirit's power, being mightily used of God to reach our youth!
6. That the class teachers, musicians, counselors, Friends Youth executive and all other staff will be Spirit-filled and Spirit-controlled during these vital days.
7. That enough adult counselors will be sent by the local churches.
8. That God will have His hand of protection on all who travel to and from the convention.
9. That the convention will come out in the black financially.
10. That the youth who attend will be greatly used of God when they return to their homes, churches and schools.

Would you share these prayer requests with others you know, and ask them to pray, too?

"...for they said, He is beside himself." Mark 3:21. I dare you, for the next few minutes, to chuck all your preconceived ideas about being "practical"

Devotional Corner

By Barbara Baker

and "realistic" right out of your mind and consider briefly whether or not you are a radical Christian. In this day of the "extreme left" and the "extreme right," everyone tends to cower in the safe, comfortable middle road rather than boldly put forth any personal, candid opinions which might be

disagreed with. After all, our connotation of a radical usually includes the picture of an aggressive, outspoken individual that is so enmeshed in his own ideas that others cannot penetrate.

How about this? We hear a lot of emphasis about young people needing to live "practical Christian lives" on an even keel, and certainly Christ would not have us divorce ourselves from reality to the extent that we cannot see the needs of precious souls around us. But the Bible indicates that there is a higher, deeper walk for the growing Christian who seeks a daily purpose for living.

The Apostle Paul certainly did not sit around devising more "practical" methods of evangelism; he merely gave the Holy Spirit free sway in the control of his life. Consequently, in Acts 26 we find Festus bursting out during Paul's defense before Agrippa, "Paul, you are mad!" But Paul turns, and I imagine he smiled gently as his heart and voice thrilled with certainty, "I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth. . .for this thing was not done in a corner." Paul had no fear of being thought of as a rabble-raising "nut" if he was going about in the spirit of Christ to "turn the world upside down." His was a spirit of urgency, and an awesome vision burdened his heart and burned out his life as he sought to boldly "sound out the

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