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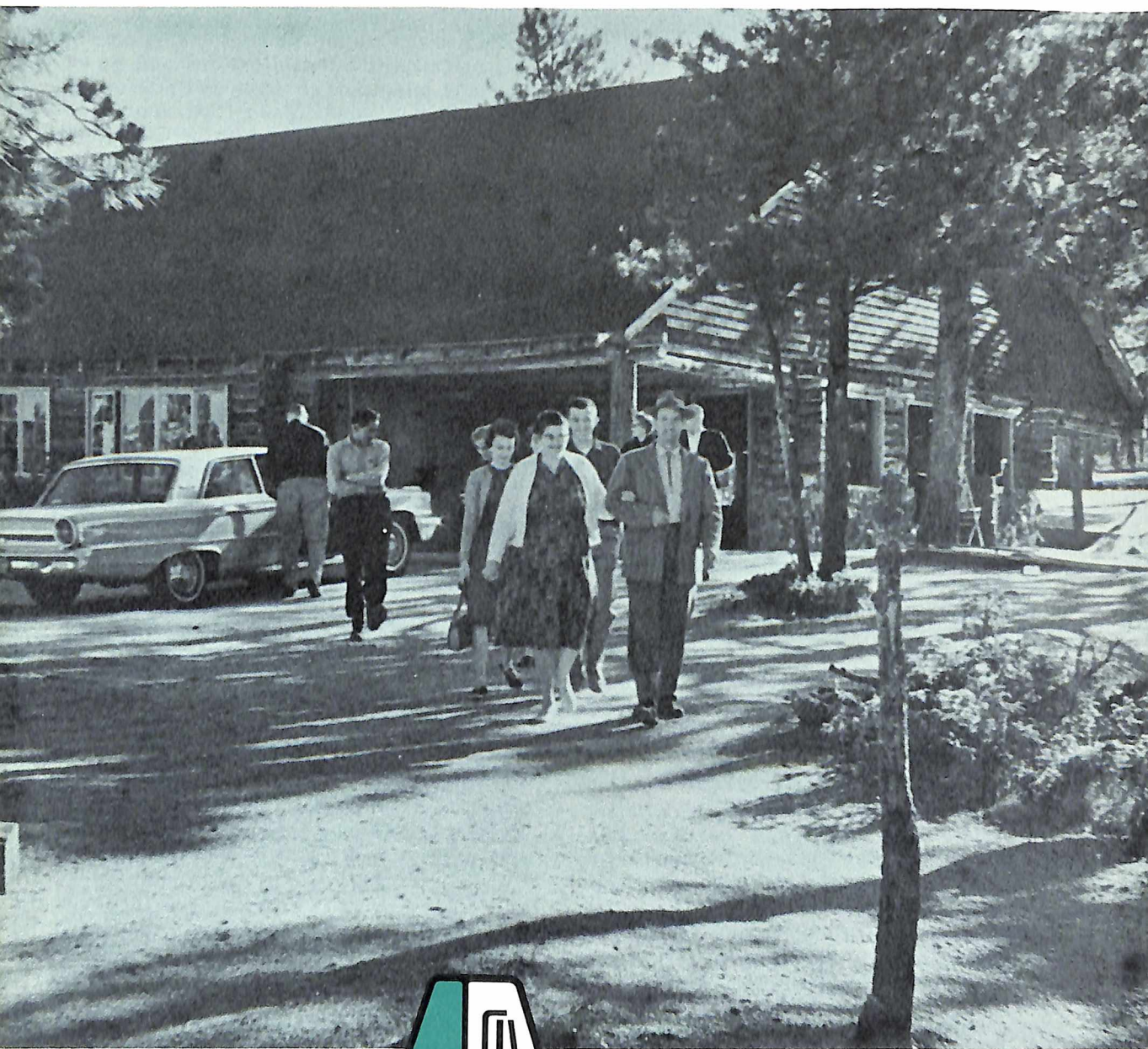
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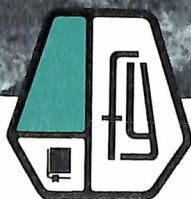
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YOUTH ISSUE



Quaker Ridge, high in the beautiful Rockies near Colorado Springs, will be the setting, this July, for a national Friends Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by the Evangelical Friends Alliance Youth Commission. (See article on page 6)

Evangelical Friends Alliance Representatives Propose Unified Action

By Harlow Ankeny

MAJOR decisions, clearing the path toward official unified action among Kansas, Ohio, Oregon and Rocky Mountain yearly meetings of the Friends Church, were made at the third sessions of the Evangelical Friends Alliance held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, January 12-14, 1965.

In a spirit of prayer and mutual understanding, unanimous approval was given to both a constitution and statement of faith by the Coordinating Council, the EFA's governing body. These documents were felt to embody the traditional Christ-centered beliefs and practices of the Friends church. The EFA is envisioned by its representatives as a unifying force for Evangelical Friends everywhere.

This action, as well as all other actions and recommendations, are subject to the final approval of each member yearly meeting. The Coordinating Council is composed of two representatives to each of the Alliance's commissions appointed by each member yearly meeting, plus an Executive Committee composed of the general superintendent and a member at large from each yearly meeting.

Dr. Everett Cattell, president of Malone College, Canton, Ohio, opened the sessions with a keynote address in which he pointed out symptoms of weakness in the church, urged representatives to act from faith and not fear, and stressed the need for new ways of communicating the Gospel of Christ to a pagan world. He warned representatives of the "worldliness of over-organization" in the church at all levels.

In its initial meeting at Haviland, Kansas, in September, 1963, the Alliance set up four commissions to follow the general departmental concerns of each yearly meeting. These original four included missions, evangelism and church extension, publications and youth. A new Christian education commission was officially added this year.

A review of this year's approved recommendations clearly indicates that the new

Alliance is to "pursue cooperatively the work of the Lord and to strengthen the work of the Friends Church," as stated in its new constitution.

Unified programs and projects, a sharing of materials, joint publications and an exchange of missionary and evangelistic speakers, are just some of the forthcoming cooperative efforts approved by the Coordinating Council this year.

The Youth Commission is taking the lead in some of this cooperative effort and this summer is sponsoring a Friends Youth Leadership Conference at Quaker Ridge Camp near Colorado Springs, July 24-28. The conference will be limited to 110 young people carefully screened by each yearly meeting for leadership potential. Bill Eakin of Youth for Christ, International, will be the main speaker.

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No Time To Trifle

SHALL we talk to young people or about them in this youth issue of the Northwest Friend? Probably if something is said ABOUT them, they will come nearer to reading it. Hollywood thinks so anyway; they lure youth to the theater with "Adults Only" signs.

David Wilkerson has a point, I think, when he says, "The number one teen-age sin in our part of the world today is wasting time." Of course, he works mostly in New York gangland (Teen Challenge), but his problem is not confined to detention cases.

Except for a few highly resourceful or skillfully guided teen-agers, the big problem is what to do with free time. . . or what they take to be free time. I am talking about the age when they are too young to hold a job and too old not to. Household chores in a housing project or even a ranch in our day, are not too numerous for young teen-agers unless someone puts thought to developing them. The fact is T. V., poor books and records, the telephone and a few other much maligned activities are not the fault of the youth who are cornered into making these do since nothing else better is in sight to do. Instead of just blaming the T. V. programming and paper-back sellers who are shrewd enough to cash in on this captive teen-age group, parents and the church are going to have to figure ways of guiding the youth into more valuable use of their time. The homesteading days are gone so we are simply going to have to pioneer in other ways of handling this.

It quickly becomes a spiritual problem. Like a taut spring, the energy of youth will explode out of boredom into something which can be God-honoring and self-improving or it can degenerate into indulgent laziness or violence. Time is a valuable commodity—we ARE young only once, and Paul was speaking to youth particularly when saying we should "redeem the time for the days are evil." Living Letters translation has it, "make the most of every opportunity you have. . ." (Eph. 5:16). This problem will be with us a long time now that larger blocks of leisure time is anticipated for a day of automation, until "time shall be no more." This represents a great opportunity for Christian service and growth, if we catch a vision of redeeming this time for Christ.

Time is wasted in many ways, but things done in time-wasting are but symptoms of a larger waste—wrong goals. The parable of the house built on the sand is lived over and over again. There was nothing at all wrong with the way the house was built, it was just the wrong foundation to build on.

So, here we are trying to keep our youth busy and many of these activities are fine in themselves: music lessons, major-work studies, hobbies, crafts, sports. Never were there ever so many things to do but what of

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Positive Don'ts

By Kenneth Williams

Accentuate the positive
Eliminate the negative
Latch on to the affirmative
Don't mess with Mr. In-Between

THESE words from a popular song of a few years ago illustrate the theme of this message to young people about a rather important subject: the standards of our church in relation to conduct in the world. Young people have often said, "To be a member of the Friends church in our school means 'Don't'." We don't dance, we don't go to shows, we don't drink, and we don't smoke. So many times young people in other churches with more liberal standards of conduct seem to be so negative in our approach to life. Non-Christian classmates can't see any reason why we go to a church that doesn't let us do anything, and we don't know how to answer them."

Perhaps the reason youth consider this a problem is the fault of the teaching we adults have given them. We have stressed the negative aspects of conduct and have failed to engender in our young people a positive attitude toward their belief in Jesus Christ. A few obvious social conduct standards have been stressed, but we have failed to help our young people learn that we don't hate, we don't gossip, we don't cheat, we don't lie, we don't vacillate in friendships, we don't act disrespectfully towards our elders, and we don't live intemperately. Too much emphasis has been placed on these few moral issues that are so apparent to society, but we fail to stress other standards of conduct

Kenneth Williams, former dean of students at George Fox College, now fulfills his concern for youth as a public school junior high teacher in Newberg.



which present a truly positive picture of a Christian.

There is a sound basis for not doing many things as a Christian. The Ten Commandments stress a number of "Thou shalt nots"; New Testament Scriptures are definite in pointing out things which Christians do not do. Our failure in teaching our youth lies in the fact that we haven't fully followed the course of the Scriptures. Parents and teachers have imparted to our children and young people the importance of the things we do not do, but have not succeeded in helping them to learn that "The Law is a Schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." Much of our teaching has neglected the truth that we are "not under law, but grace." There is progression in the Christian life. Young people should be restrained from doing those things which are not Christian, but they must learn that as they mature the negative approach to Christian conduct is eliminated and the positive is accented. The positive attitude is found in the fact that Jesus Christ dwelling in our hearts in His fullness takes away the desire and occasion for worldly attitudes and actions. The first part of Romans 12:2, "Be not conformed to this world," has been stressed, but we fail to continue the verse, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Young people need help to grasp the concept that our lives are transformed by the love of Christ so that we do live with a positive approach to the world.

A genuine Christian has such love for others that he does not talk about them in

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gossip. Christ supplies all our needs, so that we do not have to cheat. With our trust solidly fixed in Jesus we walk and talk honestly and do not need to lie. There is such a love in our hearts for others that we have respect for our elders and our government, and we do not vacillate in our relations with friends. Jesus so completely transforms our hearts and minds that the beauty and manliness we have comes from the spirit within rather than from our complete dependence upon latest styles and outward appearance. Through our daily communion with Christ He so directs that we have a God-given self-discipline which results in success in every avenue of our daily living. We find genuine joy and satisfaction in our relationship to our Savior so that we do not spend long hours trying to fill an empty void in a dream world of questionable means of entertainment.

All Jesus requires of young people (and adults) is that we witness to what He does for us. If our youth have really found that Jesus supplies all our needs and will give a positive witness to what Jesus does for them every day, soon their friends will forget the negative aspect of being a Christian, for there is not really any negative aspect to the Christian life. "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative" and see what an impact your witness will have for Jesus!

Listed below are a series of scripture verses which will help young people to understand the Christian walk.

Romans 13:14	Put on Jesus
Romans 13:1	Be subject to higher powers
2 Cor. 5:14	Love of Christ constrains
2 Cor. 5:17	New creatures
Gal. 2:20	Christ lives in me
Gal. 5:14	Love neighbor as self
Gal. 5:16	Walk in the Spirit
Gal. 5:22-26	Fruit of the Spirit
Eph. 4:1, 2	Walk worthy
Eph. 4:29-32	Do not grieve the Holy Spirit
Phil. 1:20	To Live is Christ
Phil. 4:13	All things through Christ
Phil. 4:19	God supplies all
Col. 1:9-23	Be fruitful, increase in knowledge
Col. 2:3-25	Set affection above
1 Thess. 4:1-12	Recipe for having no lack
1 Thess. 5:15-23	Follow the good
2 Thess. 2:3, 15	Be not deceived; stand fast
2 Thess. 3:3, 6	Faithful, the Lord will establish us
1 Tim. 4:12-16	Be an example
1 Tim. 6:6, 10, 11, 12	Flee, follow, fight!
2 Tim. 1:12	I am not ashamed

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By Sheldon Louthan

OVER the last few years the yearly meeting music committee has sponsored several conferences on the general theme of music in the church. On March 6 at Vancouver First Friends Church the committee has planned a conference primarily on one aspect of church music, that of the church choir. All coast quarterly meeting choirs are urged to come for a fine day climaxed by an evening program open to the public. An exciting feature of this program will be the performance of three numbers by all of the choirs 'en masse' under the direction of Ernest Lichti, choir director at George Fox College.

All pastors and others interested in receiving help in getting a choir started are also invited. Each choir will prepare three numbers in addition to the three which all choirs will learn and sing together. One of these will be sung in an afternoon session which Mr. Lichti, guest conductor, will evaluate. Each choir will sing two numbers in the evening concert which will end with the singing of the numbers by the combined choirs.

The program of the day is as follows:

- 1:00 p. m. - Registration, 50¢
 - 1:30 p. m. - Opening session
 - 2:00 p. m. - Choir clinic
 - 2:34 p. m. - Mass choir rehearsal
 - 4:15 p. m. - Workshops
 - Directors
 - Choir organization
 - Instrumentalists
 - 5:00 p. m. - Panel of choir directors
 - 6:00 p. m. - Dinner, \$1.25 each
 - 7:30 p. m. - Festival Program
- PUBLIC IS INVITED

To enjoy an inspiring program of sacred music, plan now to come at 7:30 p. m., March 6, 1965 to Vancouver First Friends Church.

National Friends Youth Leadership Conference

By Charles Mylander

HIGH schoolers, this is for you—unless you are a senior. All freshmen, sophomores and juniors in high school this year please read this. Never before have you had this opportunity. This is the chance of a lifetime!

Top-notch Christian youth are needed in the Friends Church across America. The National Friends Youth Leadership Conference will bring together outstanding youth for leadership training from at least four yearly meetings where new contacts and friendships will be formed.

About one hundred high schoolers and twenty five sponsors will meet at Quaker Ridge near Colorado Springs, Colorado. Twenty five of these high schoolers and five sponsors will come from Oregon Yearly Meeting, if we meet our goal! At present we plan to travel by chartered bus, arriving at the Friends Youth Leadership Conference Saturday, July 24, 1965. Preparation briefings begin on the bus trip. From then until the following Wednesday morning, July 28, intensified training, Bible study, and a full program of recreation and fun will be our diet. Featured speaker for the conference will be Bill Eakin, Youth for Christ International Club Director. Gerald Dillon will lead the Bible studies. Jerry Louthan, coach at Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, will be in charge of the recreation.

After Quaker Ridge, we will board the bus and head for Haviland, Kansas, where the Association of Evangelical Friends convenes until August 1. Leading Friends churchmen participate in this conference, giving you the latest developments among Evangelical Friends.

How can you attend? First, secure an application blank (coupon below) and apply.

Applications may be sent to each Quarterly Meeting Selection Committee during January and February. By March 15, each Selection Committee is to pick three candidates and two alternates. During April and May all the Friends Youth have the challenge of really getting behind their candidates and raising \$110.00 each to help pay their way. Total expense is expected to reach about \$125.00 each. During June, "Operation Preparation" gets underway. Each person going receives packets in the mail with materials to prepare himself (or herself) for the Leadership Conference. This will provide maximum profit from the Conference. The purpose of the Conference is to train Friends Youth leaders for work in their own church and local Friends Youth groups. This is why only those who next year will be sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school are eligible to apply. The impact will be shared with all the Friends Youth groups by those who get to attend.

Imagine joining top Friends high schoolers across the nation for some of the best leadership training possible today. The opportunities for life challenge and spiritual growth seem almost beyond comprehension. And this opportunity is yours—either to go or support others of your area to go. Begin now in earnest prayer for this Leadership Conference. Pray about whether or not you should apply. Then use the coupon below.

Name _____	Home Church _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____
Please send me an application blank to the National Friends Youth Leadership Conference.	
Mail blank to: Friends Youth 600 East Third, Newberg, Oregon	

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SHALL I SMOKE?

SHALL I smoke? This is not a problem to people who have decided not to smoke.

But if you are considering smoking, this is an important question.

In making your decision, you will want to consider the latest facts that scientists have made available to us about the risks of smoking.

Men and women who formed the habit of smoking 20 years ago, or even 10 years ago, did not have this new information. Had it been available earlier, there would no doubt be fewer smokers today—and fewer deaths from lung cancer.

During the last 30 years, while the death rate, in general, decreased and the death rate from all cancers increased slowly, the lung cancer rate mounted rapidly. It is still mounting rapidly. Deaths from lung cancer in America totalled 2,500 in 1930; 11,000 in 1945; and in 1963, an estimated 41,000.

The American Public Health Association estimates that, if present trends continue, about one million youngsters now in school will die of lung cancer before they reach the age of 70.

Scientists have long suspected two factors in the rise of lung cancer: 1) cigarette smoking 2) air pollution. Statistical studies indicate that ten times as many smokers as nonsmokers die of lung cancer. Studies show, too, that the more you smoke the greater the risk—in the city or in the country. Cigarette smoking has been shown to be far more important than air pollution as a causal factor in lung cancer.

Laboratory studies show that the tar in cigarette smoke contains a number of agents which will produce cancer in animals. Other studies show that the cigarette smoke weakens the natural defenses of the lungs. Once normal lung cells are damaged, cancer cells may develop, grow, crowd out, and finally destroy the normal cells.

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This is your decision. Most scientists who have studied the evidence agree that cigarette smoking is the major cause of lung cancer.

What is your best protection?

Treatment offers little hope for most lung cancer victims. Only about one patient in 20 is cured now. More lives could be saved through early detection, but it is very difficult to detect lung cancer in its early stages.

Prevention is the best protection. Not taking up smoking is now the best way to prevent lung cancer. If you have already start-

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the long range reasons? Unless these activities have a Christian orientation they are just time wasting or worse, it is like educating the heathen without giving them the Gospel; they become educated savages. Paul again advises on this. He once counted his training, energy and abilities as highly important but his life was transformed suddenly and "all these things I once thought very worthwhile—now I've thrown them all away so that I can put my trust and hope in Christ alone." (Phil. 3:7. Living Letters.)

Constructive, disciplined use of time is the key to spiritual victory as well as personal growth. This is why a week at the beach or a mountain summer conference serves a dual purpose; or the tedious vacation days for a teen-ager are profitably taken with a Mid-Winter Convention; or a church soft-ball team, hobby club or youth program is so vital. Family use of "free" time is just as important. The building of the house is much the same in any community, but the foundations and purpose of that house are vastly different.

Time we have. Nobody condenses a calendar. We don't make time, we don't stretch time. We either redeem the time or we waste it.

"Tis not for man to trifle, life is brief
And sin is here;
Our age is but the falling of a leaf,
A dropping tear.
We have not time to sport away the hours,
All must be earnest in a world like ours.

Not many lives, only one have we,
One, only one."

(from Browning)

J. L. W.

THE MINISTERS ULCER

(Reprinted from the Log of the Good Ship Grace)

A PUBLICATION named The Highland Park Evangelist featured a good article some-time back titled: "The Minister's Ulcers."

With the hope that it will make you do some sober thinking, Mr. and Mrs. Church Member, I share it with you:

"Nearly every business man complains of at least one ulcer. We could not help thinking how many ulcers the poor business man would have if he worked under the same circumstances as the average minister.

"Just suppose, Mr. Business Man, that you were over-seer of 100 workers. Suppose only 50% of them ever showed up at work at a given time, and only 25% could be really relied upon. Suppose that every time one of your workers had a slight headache, or company dropped in, or a flash of lightning appeared in the sky, large numbers of your workers pulled the covers over their heads and failed to appear for duty.

"Suppose your workers only worked when they felt like it, and yet you must be sweet and never fire one of them. To get them back to work you must beg them, plead with them, pat them on the back, and use every means under the sun to persuade them without offending them.

"And suppose you were in competition with a notorious rascal, the devil, who has no scruples and is far more clever than you are, using such attractive things as fishing rods, guns, soft pillows, television, and a thousand other things to attract your customers.

"Just suppose you had to depend upon your own work force for your capital and that they

gave only when they 'felt led'—to carry out the biggest business in the world?

"How many ulcers would you have?"

Well, I trust that you got the point of this article, even as I did.

I have never been a pastor. But I can truly sympathize with the evangelical minister of today, for he is truly fighting a physical, mental, and spiritual battle.

I am literally amazed at all the men who are quitting the ministry. They say they can't take the pressure any longer. Their nerves are tense. Some of them are victims of church trouble which causes them to say with the prodigal son, "I will arise and go."

Let me give you three things which YOU can do to help your pastor:

1. Accept him for who he is. He's an individual with certain personality traits. I dare say you won't like everything about him. After all, he's human. He may not be as gentle as your former pastor, or as personable. But learn to accentuate the positive. Make the most of his good qualities. Praise his good points rather than criticize his human frailties. Accept him for who and what he is.

2. Cooperate with him. Don't buck every plan and program he suggests. Remember, he's the leader of your team. Let him lead—you follow. Be cooperative.

3. Pray for him daily. I didn't say: Prey on him. I said Prayer for him. Without your prayers he will be powerless behind the pulpit. But with your prayers he will be a power house for God!

Many years ago, the deacons in a large church said to their new, young pastor: "Reverend, there is much lacking in your ministry and in your sermons. But we have decided not to vote you out. Instead, we are going to join together each week and pray for you that God will make you of maximum blessing to our people.

God blessed this Christlike attitude. He answered the deacon's prayers abundantly with great spiritual growth in their church. And the young pastor? Well, you've likely heard his name for he became the greatly-used evangelist, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman.

Decide right now, shipmate, that YOU will help your pastor get unction — not ulcers!

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The Vision of Youth

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams..." Acts 2:17

By Barbara Baker

LET'S agree before going a step further in this discussion to be very frank before God and with ourselves, that we may erase all stuffy or self-righteous notions about our Christian status. Admittedly, this writer is still very much an immature Christian, being still in the teenage bracket and scarcely "dry behind the ears" in her walk with the Lord. Yet whether it is a fault or a blessing, young people are outspoken for their habit of saying what they think and see with candid clarity. So, with the possibility of presenting some immature conclusions and shallow theology, let's take a look at the present activity and potential of Oregon Yearly Meeting through the eyes of teenagers and young people.

What do the young people of the Friends Church see when they stand aside and view the whole scope of our church? Do they see a mounting movement or a mouldering monument? To be completely honest, they see both.

First, they see many dedicated and Spirit-filled men and women in the roles of leadership across the Yearly Meeting—leaders whose eyes are open to new avenues of fulfilling the Great Commission. They see that these leaders are trusting in the miraculous moving power of the Holy Spirit to carry out His work, rather than putting faith in human planning and organization. Sometimes, perhaps more infrequently than they would prefer, they see Christian laymen and full-time workers who are so filled and used as a vessel of the Holy Spirit that persons all around them are being attracted to the magnetic love of Christ. They see modern miracles coming to pass because Christians have taken seriously Christ's statement that "this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

Second, they contrast this vision of the OYM movement with the other side of the

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coin—the monument. They see churches bound to the strong fetters of formality, custom, and conformity to the extent that the leading and wooing of the Holy Spirit is quenched. They see so-called Christians who have fabricated their own brand of "water-faucet Christianity"—and they wonder, where is the "well of water springing up into everlasting life"?

They see churches, and even a college, that in their phenomenal growth in this world's goods cannot break the bonds of conformity, practicality, and realism to launch out and operate on faith—and they wonder, did He, or did He not say, "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches"? They see magazine articles and books and hear sermons by evangelical leaders who seem to be sensing the imminent Return of Christ, and they look in vain for reflections of a consequent urgency about the burden and the witness of the church's membership.

So what is the intent of presenting this vision of youth to our Yearly Meeting? Perhaps it is to point out that while the fire of God is still burning in our midst, an element of coldness and dross has crept in also. And if we may take the Book of Revelation seriously, Christ does not lightly excuse apathy. The lukewarm Christians and those who had lost their first love were diligently warned to repent and do the first works, lest they completely lose their relationship with Christ.

Perhaps the hardest place in the world to live a victorious Christian life is in the environment of the affluent American society. But it can be, it must be done. May our lives be so revived that we can hear the voice of our Lord saying, "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it. . ."

ALLIANCE continued

Included in the most significant actions from each commission which were approved by the Coordinating Council:

MISSIONS: The publishing of a comprehensive brochure covering the seven mission fields of member yearly meetings—Nepal, India, Formosa, Peru, Bolivia, Burundi and the Navajo Indians of Arizona; exchange of missionaries for deputation in each yearly meeting; further study of a new foreign mission opportunity involving a definite field investigation this coming year.

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH EXTENSION: A program of self-study and evaluation by local churches with an examination of spiritual life and growth; an exchange of approved evangelists; the further exploration of a joint church extension project; a goal of better-trained pastoral leadership through enlarged curricula in the Alliance's four colleges and higher standards.

PUBLICATIONS: The publication of a joint monthly magazine of general, departmental and geographical interest replacing the separate yearly meeting periodicals and the existing joint missions publication, *The Missionary Voice*; the approval of an editorial board to create and launch the new publication at such a time all four yearly meetings approve such action.

YOUTH: The leadership conference in July, 1965; the publishing of a 16-page monthly magazine, *Accent on Friends Youth* beginning in June, 1965; a study of a Youth Ambassador program, college age assistance to the local church, and a possible exchange of such Youth Ambassadors within the four yearly meetings; a high school program for concentrated service presented for study; a unified program for 1965-66 following a theme of missions to be used in local FY meetings; a handbook of organization structure presented for yearly meeting approval.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sending of official delegates to both the National Sunday School Association and the Holiness Denominational Publisher's Association; publishing a bi-monthly news bulletin sharing the best in Sunday School materials and programs.

Officers of the EFA's Coordinating Council and Executive Committee elected at the closing session January 14 includes Dean Gregory, president, general superintendent of Oregon Yearly Meeting; Walter P. Lee,

vice-president, general superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting; and Chester Stanley, secretary-treasurer, general superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

In commenting upon the conference, Dean Gregory, the Alliance president said: "The conference was marked by a great degree of hope and optimism for a closer unity among Friends and a greater vision for the central task of the church—to adequately interpret by word and deed the central message of the Gospel of Christ in the world. Beyond differences that may exist and difficulties in perfecting a unified organization of separate groups, Friends moved prayerfully and carefully to a new level of understanding, vision, cooperation and action."

The Bible School Publication Board of Evangelical Friends, a 20-year-old cooperative Sunday School publishing venture (100,000 pieces of literature a year) on the part of three of the EFA's yearly meetings, met simultaneously with the alliance. The conference was held at Young Life's Star Ranch in the foothills of the Rockies just outside Colorado Springs. Hosts were officials of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting with headquarters in Colorado Springs.

Those representing Oregon Yearly Meeting on the various commissions included—Missions: Clare Willcuts and Gerald Dillon; Evangelism: Charles Beals and Clynton Crisman; Youth: Charles Mylander and Gene Hockett; Publications: Harlow Ankeny and Jack Willcuts; Christian Education: Howard Harmon. Lela Morrill and Jack Willcuts met also with the Bible School Publication Board of Evangelical Friends as Oregon Yearly Meeting's members. ●

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Charles Ball Contributes to New Wesleyan Commentary

The Wesleyan Bible Commentary, Volume IV, Matthew-Acts, by Ralph Earle, Harvey Blaney and Charles W. Carter; William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1964; \$8.95.

THE publication, in November 1964, of Volume IV of The Wesleyan Bible Commentary marked a milestone for evangelical Christians. This volume is the first of a great new six-volume commentary on the whole Bible. Three volumes on the New Testament (IV-VI) will be issued first, with Vol. V available in the spring and Vol. VI in the late summer of 1965. The Old Testament (I-III) will follow in 1966 and 1967.

In the last quarter of a century there has been a revival of interest in Biblical study and the publication of Biblical materials. But most of these have been either liberal, neo-orthodox, or Calvinistic. The liberal and neo-orthodox writings are not satisfactory to evangelical Christians because of their denial of the basic principles of Christianity. They have to be read with great caution and with genuine spiritual discernment. Calvinistic books generally are not acceptable to those of the Arminian tradition because of their interpretation of the doctrine of eternal security.

One of the weaknesses of evangelical Christianity has been its sparse publication of scholarly, up-to-date, Biblical materials of practical value and popular appeal. While they have maintained an evangelistic-experiential emphasis at home and abroad to their credit, they have left most of the writing to others; and this has weakened their cause. This set of commentaries is a step in the right direction. It is being produced under the general editorship of Dr. Charles W. Carter, professor of philosophy and religion at Taylor University. The writing is being done by 20 scholars from nine evangelical denominations.

Volume IV, Matthew-Acts, has three competent authors who are conversant with modern Biblical studies, but true to the faith. Dr. Carter has written the commentary on Acts which is solid proof of the research and labor that has gone into the volume. The synoptic gospels are written by Dr. Ralph Earle, professor of New Testament at

the Nazarene Seminary. He has a Quaker background, and is an extremely competent and respected New Testament scholar. Dr. Harvey J. S. Blaney has produced a fine exposition on John's Gospel.

This volume is a beautiful book, well-bound, containing about twice the contents in most 750 page books. The price is reasonable considering the vast amount of material including outlines, introductions, expositions and bibliographies. The expositions are clear and constructive. The volume will be of immeasurable value to pastors, Sunday School teachers, and students. While giving attention to the meaning of important Greek words, these presentations are not overly done nor tedious for the English reader.

The American Standard Version is the basic text. This is generally considered one of the most accurate of all our English translations, and therefore makes an excellent basis for the expositions.

Dr. Everett L. Cattell, Dr. Paul S. Rees and Dr. Paul P. Petticord, members of the Editorial Board, are the best known among Friends. The reviewer is the only Friend contributing to the work. He has a minor part, writing the introductions and expositions of 1 and 2 Peter which are to appear in Volume VI. Friends probably would be happier with another word than *Wesleyan* in the title since they antedate the Wesleys, but they can rejoice in the evangelical and Arminian approach of this commentary. ●

—Charles S. Ball

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Leonard E. Wines, pastor of Paonia, Colorado, Friends has written this call to the spirit-filled life which appears simultaneously in the magazines of Oregon, Ohio, Kansas and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings. A graduate of Cleveland Bible Institute and Marion College, he has held pastorates in Iowa, Kansas, Ohio and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings. From 1948-1954 he served as a missionary in Kenya, East Africa. He suggests that Ezekiel 47:1-5 and Luke 5:1-6 be read in conjunction with this article.

LOST IN THE SHALLOWS

A Call to the Spirit-filled Life



By Leonard E. Wines

"**W**HY is the Christian life like an airplane? When you stop, you drop."

The Christian life begins, as does the physical life, with a birth, a new birth. But birth is only a beginning, for if the new life is to continue, it must have nourishment and exercise. For the newly born, there is "much land to be possessed." It is a Christian's duty and privilege to advance, and as the scripture states, "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Our theme, however, points to those who have failed to make proper normal growth. It refers to those living in the shallows spiritually who seem to be content to remain there. Such a position is unsatisfying and potentially fatal. For as time moves forward, and the Christian does not, his spiritual experience loses its vigor and becomes listless and dull, his convictions become hazy, his purposes weak, and his "blessed assurance" becomes blasted by doubts. The clouds of confusion cover his skies of certainty. He doesn't know what to believe and he is tempted to toss away his Christian profession. He has no real power, no overflowing joy, no comfort or satisfaction. It is but one small step from the shallows to the condition of Samson when "he wist not that the Lord had departed from him."

An old familiar poem pictures a sad condition:

" 'Tis a point I long to know,
Oft it causes anxious thought,
Do I love the Lord, or no?
Am I His, or am I not?"

If this is your experience, are you not lost in the shallows? God would have you launch out into the deep.

The scripture passage from Ezekiel recounts the prophet's vision of a man with a measuring line in his hand measuring the river of God's grace which flows from the place of God's dwelling. The man (or angel) measured out in the river a thousand cubits, and brought Ezekiel through water which came up to his ankles. He measured out another thousand cubits and the water came to the prophet's knees. He measured still another thousand cubits and he was in water loin deep. The fourth thousand cubits brought the water to a depth for swimming, "a river that could not be passed over."

This is an illustration of the River of Salvation. It is greater, deeper, wider than anyone can comprehend. Isn't it a pity that God's people, generally speaking, experience so little of it?

Too many Christians never get out into swimming water. They are content to stay near the shoreline of the world and merely splash around where the little tots can safely play. In 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 the apostle is addressing such people. Folks who really know how to swim are spoiled for the shallows. They always head for water deep enough to swim in.

There is a divine challenge going out to every professing Christian to explore the deep waters of His grace. There is within each Christian an inner urge demanding the deep. There is a world of dying men, eter-

nity bound, whose very lostness demands that Christians move beyond the shallows into the deep of divine grace and power in order that they might hear and know the saving grace of God.

There is a demand for the deep in Bible knowledge. The average church member today spends very little time with the Bible. In most church homes the Bible is a neglected book. What do you know of the Word of God? A Psalm or two, a few scattered fragments from the Gospels? The Bible can provide for you swimming waters of the river of grace, only as you give time to reverent and earnest study of it to discover what God would teach you from its treasures.

Emil Brunner has said, "The fate of the Bible is the fate of Christianity." I believe this is true.

There is a demand for the deep in the sphere of prayer. Our shallowness is evidenced by our prayerlessness. The disciples of Jesus felt their need of getting beyond the shallows when they requested the Lord, "Teach us to pray."

Many of us never get beyond the childish conception that prayer is only asking God for things we want. But there are depths of prayer far beyond that, where our spirits fellowship and blend with the Spirit of God.

The powerlessness and lack of effectiveness of the church in today's world is largely due to the lack of an effective prayer-life on the part of the majority of Christian people. We are constantly laboring to devise new

methods, new plans, new organizations, or endeavoring to rejuvenate old ones, in order to inject life into the church and make a greater impact against the evils in the world. This is not necessarily wrong. Men must use METHODS to do the work of God, but God must use MEN. To the measure God has the man, methods and organizations become effective; but, conversely, to the measure God does not have the man, methods and organizations become ineffective in the cause of righteousness. God does not pour His power through the machinery of the church, but through yielded individuals.

It is prayer that tones up the total life of a man and makes it more possible for God to use him. All of us have discovered that we are better or worse as we pray more or less. If our prayer life sags, our whole life sags with it. We ought to pledge ourselves to make time for private and family devotions. It will mean less TV. It will mean some adjusting of the family schedule, but nothing will be more rewarding to the home life, individual happiness, and the spiritual life of the church. To move out of the shallows in the areas of Bible study and prayer requires a strict disciplining of ourselves. The Apostle Paul found that the Christian life required severe discipline as indicated by 1 Corinthians 9:27. "I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified!" He made himself do those things which were important for a healthy spiritual life, even though he was weary and indisposed.

In conjunction with the demand for the deep in Bible knowledge and prayer, comes the demand for the deep in the almost lost art of meditation. The church has suffered much because her membership is too occupied with earthly things to take time for spiritual meditation. Christians are unable to get out into the deep areas of grace because they, like Martha, are "troubled about many things." Justify her, as we often do, in order to justify ourselves, yet we cannot ignore our Lord's appraisal when He declared, "Mary hath chosen the better part."

The Psalmist declared that happy was the man who meditated on the Word of God day and night. (Psalm 1) This points the way to a contagious joy and enthusiasm that will result in spiritual revival in our churches.

Our shallowness in spiritual life is evidenced in the area of values. There has been a definite declension in Christian standards and principles, and in a sensitiveness

SHALLOWS continued

to sin. The new low in morals which is becoming acceptable in society is making an inroad on the minds of even our church members. Also the increased secularism of this mid-century has affected our churches as a kind of creeping paralysis.

Some time ago Francis B. Sayre, then a U.S. Representative on the United Nations Trustee Council, spoke regarding the threat of Communism. He said, "If America is to prove a really powerful factor in saving Western civilization, there must be a turning back by individual men and women more passionately to God. The real solution depends upon greater spiritual power; and that emphatically depends not upon political decisions, not upon mass organization, but upon the inner lives of the great rank and file of men and women like ourselves. If our civilization once loses its sense of spiritual values, once ceases to draw its power from spiritual sources, the future for us and for Western Civilization looks very dark indeed."

It seems to me that Mr. Sayre spoke as a prophet of God, and he reveals the tremendous responsibility which lies at the door of the church and of every American who professes the name of the Lord Jesus. A church in the shallows fails to meet this challenge.

When Jesus told Peter that morning to "launch out into the deep" there was no hesitancy or making of excuse on his part. His hopes were small, it was evident, but he obeyed; and because he obeyed he experienced the joy and thrill of "full nets."

I am convinced that as individuals, and as churches, if we will move out and give our Lord complete and glad obedience, we too will discover the secret of "fulness." Our churches will grow; our lives will be fruitful; and that "joy unspeakable and full of glory" will be a vital reality.

God is constantly calling his people into the deeps of his fulness. You and I are never going to experience the deep waters of grace unless and until we obey the divine requirement of total commitment. All we are, all we have, all we plan, all we do must be put under His control. It includes important functions of service such as witnessing and giving. Let us not be superficial at the point of total commitment, for this is the key to the Christian's life of fulness, victory

and blessing. The essential conclusion of our commitment is taking by faith the precious Holy Spirit. His infilling is our evidence of God's acceptance of our offering.

The New Testament urges us to "be filled with the Spirit." The early church knew this fulness. It made amazing progress against great opposition because it lived in the deep waters of the river of Grace. Is not the same grace available today? Is not God still able to do "exceeding abundantly above that we are able to ask or think"? Then the fault must be ours. It must be that we are staying in water too shallow for "full nets."

Let us seize our opportunity with earnestness, appreciation and devotion, and launch out into the stream of grace where we no longer can touch bottom and where we trust only in God.

"Thou canst fill me, gracious Spirit,
Though I cannot tell Thee how;
But I need Thee, greatly need Thee,
Come, O come and fill me now."

GEORGE FOX COLLEGE RECEIVES COMPUTER

George Fox College announces the gift of a PDS 1020 digital computer as a teaching aid in mathematics, accounting, educational statistics, programming, and other courses. The apparatus, which was demonstrated on the campus, under the direction of Dr. John Brewster, professor of physics, is to be delivered by the first of the year, according to Mr. David Hessley of Electronic Associates, Palo Alto.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Lowell Edwards, now of Santa Ana, California, have made the presentation as a Christmas gift to his alma mater. They have specified the 4096 memory and a selectric typewriter, and will provide for the maintenance. The special in-service training for three members of the faculty is also underwritten. Miss Dorothy Oppenlander, assistant professor of mathematics, will head the team going to southern California for the school, although the other members have not been chosen at this time.

According to Dr. Milo C. Ross, president: "I have never known of as much excitement on the part of serious students as this announcement has produced. We are very proud and happy to accept this extraordinary teaching device."



missionary moments

By Phyllis Cammack

MY COLORFUL congregation was seated on the ground, most of them peeling potatoes. The wind was blowing in gusts up to 45 miles per hour; the barometric pressure was unsteady with a downward trend, and the temperature was about 45 degrees. The sky was mostly cloudy.

I was equipped with a flannel board on an easel, a Bible, and a fluttering handful of cut-out figures. A short Aymara woman stood sturdily at my side ready to interpret into Aymara as much of my windblown Spanish as she could understand.

We decided to sing for a while to give the wind time to die down. Several choruses later (and one easel-collapse, due to a frisky child) the wind was still strong, but the "preaching" began.

I had beautiful pictures of the boy David and the huge Goliath, but even the magic of the flannel board was no match for the weather. So the story progressed without visual aids. Soon the power of the Word began to thrill the preacher. The love of God for poor weak people who trust in Him! The power of God Who can strike down the giants that threaten us!

This preacher-story-teller began to cry unattractive, weak tears of praise to God. Ungrammatical subjunctives, infinitives, articles began to land haphazardly, mixed in with an English word or two. The interpreter's strong voice began to break, and soon even the peelers began salting with their tears the potatoes that were to be cooked for Yearly Meeting dinner. The whole group began to pray—some crying out, some speaking in monotones, others murmuring in Spanish, Aymara, and English, but in unison—prayer for the help of David's mighty God Who honored faith of even the lowliest in Himself.

The little prickles marched up my spine as I realized the Holy Spirit was there. It was a high missionary moment.

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LISTEN! LITTLE QUAKERS

By Marie Haines

Truth or Tattle?

NOW, class, there is one thing I want you to remember if you forget everything else that I have said," Miss Peel smiled into the twenty four intent faces of her fourth grade class. "George Washington and Abraham Lincoln always told the truth. That is one of the most important heritages they have left us. Class dismissed."

There was a rush for the lockers. "Miss Peel tells neat stories," Ron said struggling into his rain coat. "I better put my boots on. Mom is sure to ask me and I gotta tell the truth."

Henty struggled with his. It wasn't going to be too hard for him to tell the truth. He always had. But he was thinking about Butzy. Butzy was only seven and it seemed hard for him to remember where imagination left off and truth began.

"Hurry, Henty," Butzy called to his brother. "There's lots of puddles today."

"Mom told us not to walk in puddles," Henty reminded him. "You have a cold."

"Choo, choo, choo," Butzy splashed along. "It won't hurt me."

"Mamma, Butzy splashed in puddles all the way home," Henty told his mother later.

"Oh Butzy, how could you?" Mother said sorrowfully. "Take off your things and go straight to bed."

"I'm not sick," Butzy wailed. "Henty is an old meany to tell on me."

"I just told the truth," Henty said.

The next morning, "Butzy didn't make his bed or hang up his pajamas," Henty reported as he slid into his place at the breakfast table.

"I'm hungry. I'll do it after breakfast," Butzy excused himself.

"Butzy," Daddy said sternly, "Go upstairs and fix your room now. You know that is the rule around here."

"Henty is an old tattle tale," Butzy complained as he went slowly upstairs.

"I only told the truth, Daddy," Henty defended himself.

"Yes. Well remember yourself, too," Daddy rustled his paper.

"Mamma, Butzy didn't brush his teeth," Henty called as Butzy started out the door.

"Butzy, Butzy, come back here," Mother called.

"I'm in a hurry. I'll brush them at noon." But Mother was firm.

"You left the tooth paste cap off," Henty yelled and once more Butzy made a running slide.

"You're not my boss," Butzy scowled as he rushed outside again.

"Miss Peel called today," Mother informed Henty one evening. "She says you are so busy tattling on everyone that you aren't getting your work done. Now, what did she mean by that?"

"I don't know, Mamma, truly I don't. I am only telling the truth like she said George Washington and Abraham Lincoln did. She told us herself we were always to tell the truth."

Mother looked thoughtful. "Henty," she said finally, "There is a difference between telling the truth and being a tattle tale."

"What do you mean Mamma, shouldn't I always tell the truth?"

"Yes, Henty, but sometimes it isn't necessary to tell on someone else. Some truths are best unsaid."

Henty was puzzled. "Didn't you want to know when Butzy didn't make his bed or brush his teeth?"

"Well, maybe I should find it out myself," Mother said. "You see, Butzy does not like you to tell on him. Would you like someone telling me everything you did?"

"I wouldn't care if I was doing wrong," Henty declared stoutly.

"Not even if they told me you hid your bread crusts under the table ledge?" Mother's eyes twinkled.

"How—how did you find that out?" Henty stammered.

"You see, bread crusts told the truth too," Mother said. "Yes, Henty, always tell the truth when you have to, but don't go out of your way to spy on other people."

AMONG THE CHURCHES



BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

MERIDIAN, Dorwin Smith, pastor

We held our first service in our new church January 17, with Dean Gregory speaking. We will hold all of our services in the Educational Unit until our sanctuary is finished. Our people have been kept very busy during this process of building. We haven't missed a day of work since it was started. We appreciate the help of several who have come from Whitney Friends to work. ¶ We were glad to have our young people home for the holidays, Don Sheirbon, Charles and Marian Smith and Margaret Astleford who was a guest in the pastor's home. ¶ Our Christmas program was put on by each SS class. That evening our group attended the cantata at Whitney Friends Church. Earlier that evening our young people went caroling.

—Kay Newell, reporting

STAR, Willard Kennon, pastor

Joy Ridderhoff was with us the second week of January bringing a fresh breath of the Holy Spirit as she always does. Good crowds heard her every night. ¶ The Star community kindergarten is being held in our church basement again this year. ¶ The Greenleaf Community choir presented the "Messiah" in the Star Grade School in December under the direction of Roger Taylor. ¶ We have recently held farewell gatherings for five families that have moved from our community and church. Most of these were prominent workers in our church, many of them

GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

ONTARIO, Calvin Wilkins, pastor

"The Characters of Christmas Speak" was the Christmas program presented to a full house Sunday night, December 20. ¶ The presence and help of college students Edith Cammack, Phyllis McCracken, Lane Clem, Alvin Wilkins, and Steve LeBaron in our services during their Christmas vacation were greatly appreciated. ¶ Christmas Eve found two carloads of young people carolling in Ontario and the Ontario Heights area. ¶ Fruitland's Free Methodist church joined us for a watch night service New Year's Eve. Following a time of games and refreshments the feature-length film "The Beginning of Wisdom" was shown. The New Year entered with devotions and prayer led by Rev. William Holiday

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teaching and working in the music department. These departures leave a great hole in our attendance and working staff. ¶ Our young people have taken much new spiritual ground and we are greatly encouraged with the growth of some of our new Christians. ¶ Roscoe and Tina Knight were with us January 3 in an evening service, presenting a clear picture of the work being done on our own mission fields.

BOISE, Dale Field, pastor

The church choir presented a cantata entitled, "Night of Miracles," Sunday evening December 20. A coffee-hour was held following the cantata. ¶ The regular Christmas program "Characters of Christmas Speak," was held Wednesday evening December 23. ¶ Several people from our church attended the Mid-Winter convention at Cannon Beach, Oregon. A report was given in the Sunday evening service on January 3. ¶ Roy Knight had charge of our services Sunday evening, January 10. He brought us information concerning Greenleaf Academy, also he showed slides of his trip to the Holy Land. Special music was presented by a trio and quartet from the Academy. ¶ Our WMU was invited to be guests of the Star WMU January 14. A dessert luncheon was served and Joy Ridderhoff was the guest speaker. We were challenged to pray for the work of Gospel Recordings in order that souls in darkness may hear the gospel in their native language.

of the Free Methodist Church. ¶ Our SS attendance has been enough above that of a year ago for us to have earned a blue ribbon and two red ones from the YM Christian Education Committee.

GREENLEAF, Kenneth Pitts, pastor

The combined community and Academy choirs presented the Christmas portions of "The Messiah" at Greenleaf December 20. Roger Taylor directed the choirs. ¶ The SS Christmas program was given December 23. Following recitations and songs by the children, the play, "Why Christmas?" was given. ¶ Tedford Winslow was honored on the occasion of his 80th birthday, Christmas day, at the Caldwell Friends Church Fellowship Hall. A short

program of songs and prayer was given. ¶Nineteen Greenleaf youth attended Mid-Winter Convention at Cannon Beach. They reported at our evening service January 3. ¶For many years a wooden five-spoke bell wheel about 5 feet in diameter helped call students to school and Friends in Greenleaf to worship. This now seemingly useless wheel was decorated with greenery during Christmas as it served as a wreath to which Christmas cards containing monetary gifts for the Academy were pinned. ¶Iris Leppert gave a reading, "The Shepherd of the Hills" in the morning service January 24. ¶Roy Knight brought a timely message January 3 in the morning meeting. ¶We enjoyed having Clynton Crisman with us January 10 when he brought a message to us in our evening meeting.

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

FRIENDS MEMORIAL, Oscar Brown, pastor

Ken Beck and Doug Wertz attended Mid-Winter Convention. Oscar and Ruth Brown and Charles and Lois Beck served as counsellors. ¶GFC Day was observed January 3. Dr. Milo Ross spoke in our services. ¶Our Friends Youth have taken on a new responsibility in church service by taking care of the 2, 3 and 4 year old children during evening church services. ¶Meetings were held each evening January 13-17, for a series of Bible Studies on the Book of Philippians, led by Myron Goldsmith, professor from GFC.

—Dorothy Groves, reporting

NORTHEAST TACOMA, Fred Baker, pastor

On December 27, Sunday evening, the film, "The Family That Changed the World" was presented by the young people of our church. ¶Craig Veeder attended Mid-Winter Convention at Cannon Beach, Oregon. He gave a very interesting report of the inspirational time he had there. ¶A number of our young people attended a "Youth Watch Night Service" at our pastor's home on New Year's Eve.

—Donna Knutson, reporting

AGNEW, May O. Wallace, pastor

A Christmas musical program was held during the morning worship hour December 20 followed with a Christmas message by our pastor. The SS held their program that evening with approximately 90 in attendance. ¶The SS provided a "White Christmas" for a needy family. ¶Each Friends Club enjoyed a New Year's Eve party. ¶The adult class has been enjoying a study of the various religious "cults". The same class is being offered in the evening for

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

ROSE VALLEY, George Bales, pastor

Three Christmas programs renewed the spirit of worship during the holiday season. The Primary-Junior Department program was December 13. The Beginners program and the young people's play "The Angels Sang" were given morning and evening, respectively, December 27 following post-

HOMEDALE, Irwin Alger, pastor

Our church, for the past months, has been having Tuesday morning prayer services in the Ray Barnes home. ¶Our church was thrilled to have one of our youth, Shirley Mewhinney, join the Oriental Missionary Society to Mexico during vacation. This proved to be profitable and very enlightening to young hearts eager to serve the Lord. There were 22 who went spending several days at an orphanage helping in various ways. ¶We were thrilled to have Clynton Crisman with us in January on his way to Colorado. ¶Harley Adams served as evangelist and the Fodge family as musicians during our meetings.

those teachers who are not able to attend this class during the SS hour. ¶Our SS was a "white ribbon" winner in December. We had a 1% increase over December of last year. Our average attendance this year for December was 71.

—Mary Lynch, reporting

HOLLY PARK, Charles Morgan, pastor

We have been sorrowed and extend our sympathy to the Lew Chinn family whose five year old daughter Debbie was fatally injured by an automobile, December 13. ¶We are feeling the result of Roscoe Knight's concern to reach new families as several have been worshipping with us. ¶We are glad to report that little Candy Ann, daughter of Larry and Delores Choate, is progressing nicely after receiving first and second degree burns on her neck and chest. ¶There was a large attendance at the SS Christmas program. ¶Eleven of our youth attended the Puget Sound Quarterly Meeting Training Conference held at the Memorial Church December 12. ¶Chuck Mylander brought the morning message of December 13.

—M. Ethel Cowgill, reporting

EVERETT, Calvin Hull, pastor

We were happy to have Clynton Crisman with us December 13 to speak in the morning worship service. ¶In spite of heavy snow our Christmas program, "Message of the Bells," was well attended on December 20. A gift was presented to Susan Gustofsen for devoted service to the SS. Susan had served 45 years as SS secretary. ¶The Friends Youth group went caroling before Christmas. A chili feed followed at the church.

ponement caused by bad weather. Storms also cancelled the annual Watch Night service. ¶Four young people with their sponsors Duane and Sharon Lemmons attended Mid-Winter Convention. The group gave reports during Family Hour January 3, stressing the inspiration of the Convention in their individual lives. ¶January 7, Ione Fankhauser was

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the guest of both the Rose Valley and Florene Nor-dyke WMU showing souvenirs of her recent trip to South American missions and speaking of the challenge of the various fields. John Fankhauser showed pictures and spoke to the men of the church in the evening.

CHERRY GROVE, Lloyd Melhorn, pastor

Our New Years Eve Watch Night service featured a pot luck family supper, games, fellowship, a film, "Three Mothers and Four Fathers," and a message by the pastor, "Gone Fishing and Going Fishing"—a resume of 1964, and looking forward to 1965. ¶The Junior Boys received the attendance banner for December. This was their second time to win as they also received it in October. ¶Installation of new officers for the Friends Youth was held during church time Sunday, January 10.

—Marjorie Rengo, reporting

ROSEMERE, Edwin Cammack, pastor

It was a bad day on December 20, 1964, around Vancouver, but 63 turned out for the Christmas program given by the SS children of Rosemere. The play scheduled by the youth to be given during the evening service was cancelled because of the snow and cold. ¶Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Schmidt, whose daughter is a missionary, showed slides of Trinidad

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

SPOKANE, Clare Willcuts, pastor

December 11 the men's group sponsored a progressive dinner. The young people baby sat while the parents went out. The proceeds are being used to repaint the church signs. ¶Milo Ross was here December 13 giving us a deeper insight and understanding of why we should send our children to a Christian college. ¶We had a Christmas program December 20 at 4:00 p. m. Our pastor and wife were presented with a money tree. For our special Christmas offering we raised \$90.00 for mud tires for Peruvian vehicles. ¶Chuck Mylander will be with us for "Youth Accent" meetings January 22-24.

—Ann Becker, reporting

HAYDEN LAKE, Wayne Piersall, pastor

Even though our young people were disappointed in not being able to attend Mid-Winter because of road and weather conditions, other activities were provided which helped make up for the disappointment. One evening they spent in Spokane roller-skating followed by a social time with the Spokane Friends Youth. New Years Eve they had a banquet at the Baker home with the Spokane young people as

NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

CHEHALEM CENTER, Robert Fiscus, pastor

Three of our girls attended Mid-Winter Convention and brought home good reports. ¶We are privileged to have Wendell and Donita Barnett, of GFC, doing their Christian Education fieldwork with us this

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during the December 13 evening service. ¶Three of the young people of Rosemere attended the Mid-Winter Convention held at the close of the year at the beach.

—Eunice Coats, reporting

FOREST HOME, Roy Dunagan, pastor

The white, white Christmas season threw schedules askew at Forest Home, but a small group of hardy souls met for worship December 20, and the special Christmas service could be held the evening of December 23. ¶Plans have been under way for a SS emphasis week early in February. ¶The Ministry and Oversight members are meeting once a month for cottage prayer meetings in addition to their regular time. ¶Men of the church continue to meet with the Pastor-Chef at six o'clock on Saturday morning to share breakfast, Bible study and prayer. ¶The organ, a memorial to Mrs. Viva LaFrance has been purchased and was dedicated to the Lord in her memory December 6. ¶Miss Serena Anderson, who is a freshman at Clark College, gave an interesting account of the recent Inter-Varsity Fellowship Conference which she attended. It was held at Urbana, Illinois, on the campus of the University. It was most encouraging to hear of the tremendous enthusiasm and response of this great gathering of 6,000 young people.

—Mrs. W. G. Powell, reporting

guests. Later they joined the rest of the church in a New Year's party in the church basement. New Year's day was spent by some in skiing at the Hooker Flying H Guest Ranch. ¶We enjoyed the visit of Stanley Perisho and his family at our Wednesday night prayer meeting. He spoke to our high school youth and showed pictures about GFC at a potluck dinner at Bakers. Following the dinner he was our guest speaker at the prayer meeting.

—Dorothy Peterson, reporting

EAST WENATCHEE, Robert Morrill, pastor

Mrs. Morrill attended the George Fox Press board meetings held in Colorado Springs. ¶WMU held in January showed good interest with the ladies responding by sending packages to outgoing missionaries. ¶The greatest snow over the holidays for many years did not dampen church interest, and SS superintendent, Donald Kellogg, was encouraged with a report of the highest attendance ever in our records. ¶The church is beginning to prepare for our special meetings with Roscoe Knight speaking the last week of February.

—Mrs. Ralph Kellogg, reporting

as school was dismissed and worked on their projects. They have completed stewardship posters and are making stuffed monkeys now.

—Allene Arndt, reporting

SPRINGBROOK, Marion Clarkson, pastor

Christmas Sunday evening after the service of Scripture selections and music, refreshments were served and a group went caroling. ¶ Alex Blomberg and Don Bollinger, representing the Gideon organization, were in charge of the service Sunday evening, December 27. Mr. Blomberg brought the message. ¶ In spite of inclement weather, over thirty were present at a watch night service at the church. Following the prayer meeting service refreshments were served and the last hour of the old year was spent in singing. ¶ January 12 Bob Goodman of GFC gave an instructive talk in SS on Pakistan where he worked with his father building a hospital. ¶ Our revival began Sunday morning January 17 with Edna Springer of Salem as evangelist. We are praying that this will be a real time of blessing and growth to the church and community. The John Woods family of Cloverdale were present in this service and John sang a special number.

NEWBERG, Charles Ball, pastor

The SS Christmas program was held on the evening of December 20. "The Characters of Christmas Speak" was the theme. ¶ Mildred Beals is teaching a Teacher Training Class on six Sunday evenings. ¶ High school and college young people who attended the Mid-Winter Convention at Cannon Beach, reported at SS and the evening service on January 3. ¶ Harry Harvey, a GFC student from Alaska, told the SS about their Friends mission work on January 10. ¶ Charles Ball, our pastor, is bringing Sunday morning messages on "Essentials in Effective Christian Living" and Sunday evening messages on "Great Words in the Christian's Faith and Experience."

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

SOUTH SALEM, John Fankhauser, pastor

Grace was given to our South Salem families who suffered during the Christmas flooding in the Salem area. Ira and Parolee Downs were forced to evacuate their home on very short notice. They spent several days with our pastors, John and Ione Fankhauser. They had a small amount of water inside their home. Boats and amphibian "ducks" of the National Guard traversed the "street" which became a watercourse for several days. Charles and Naomi Tuning, who live across the street from Downs in the Keizer area, also had to leave their home. They spent some time with the Roland Hartley family. We are sorry for the many who sustained such financial loss in the flood, but thankful to God for watchful care over all and the Christian spirit with which people serve one another. ¶ Six young people from South Salem attended Mid-Winter convention at Cannon Beach. ¶ John and Ione Fankhauser continue presenting the view they had of our mission field to other groups. John has been bringing messages based on the book of Joshua which are

SHERWOOD, Gordon St. George, pastor

The SS Christmas program was postponed until December 27 because of floods and bad weather. ¶ Paul Mills filled the pulpit in our pastor's absence at Christmas. ¶ Ten young people attended Mid-Winter Convention along with their sponsor Dick Bishop. Each gave a report of spiritual help or blessing during SS hour on January 3. ¶ Chuck Mylander talked to the youth in the evening service January 3, of his Bolivian trip. His message was a challenge for youth to go into full time Christian service. ¶ Twenty-one WMU women of the Sherwood Unions met and enjoyed a social time at Obies' restaurant at Beaverton. After the meal Phyllis Cammack talked about her experience in Bolivia. ¶ Our pastor is conducting a series of messages from Corinthians. The Holy Spirit is working anew in our midst with several new converts. Also there have been three who have recently transferred their membership to our meeting. ¶ Youth emphasis week is scheduled for the first week in February. The Kingsmen Quartet are to hold three days of meetings.

WEST CHEHALEM, M. Gene Hockett, pastor

The morning of December 20 the choir gave their Christmas cantata entitled, "Born a King." The service was well attended considering the weather that day. That evening was the SS Christmas program. ¶ On December 22 the choir gave the cantata at Friendsview Manor. ¶ On December 12 the high school Friends Youth spent the day at Mount Hood and were joined there by the Metolius youth group. The two groups exchanged fir and juniper branches and these were passed out at church. ¶ There were seven who attended Mid-Winter from West Chehalis this year. LeRoy Benham and Gene Hockett were both counselors. Paula Benham was the camp nurse. There were also four young people who attended. ¶ During the last few months an Evaluation and Planning Committee has been meeting to study present and future needs.

a challenge to our meeting. The Holy Spirit has been manifest in our services with a sense of revival and refreshing on our people, for which we praise and thank God. ¶ A social and watchnight service was held in the church basement New Year's Eve following a fellowship supper.

TALENT, A. Clark Smith, pastor

A very successful Christmas program, followed by a social time, was directed by Mrs. Elaine Cronk in December. ¶ Our pastor, Clark and Elizabeth Smith, sponsored a Fellowship Hour for the church after an evening service in which we had Dean Gregory with us. ¶ We were pleased to have special visitors from Colorado, the Turners, who presented their concern on Stewardship. ¶ The WMU enjoyed the privilege of having Betty Comfort with them for a morning meeting followed by a noon luncheon. They also sponsored the gathering of clothing and gifts which were sent to Fairview Home. ¶ Both the junior choir and the girls' group enjoyed evenings spent in caroling.

PRINGLE, Paul Baker, pastor

The amount of clothes collected and mended for the Union Gospel Mission Store far exceeded our expectations. ¶ The men of the church gave a hot cake and sausage breakfast December 5 to help pay for dining tables. Forty-five dollars was raised. ¶ Dr. Milo Ross gave a message on Christian Education December 6 at the evening service. ¶ December 8 Earle and Esther Turner were speakers at our evening service. The WMU had a silent auction with \$14.00 raised for new dishes for our kitchen. ¶ December 20 we had the SS program in the morning. "The Characters of Christmas Meet Christ" was the play given. ¶ The cantata, "Night of Miracles" was sung at our church with South Salem and Pringle participating. ¶ Sunday, December 27, Rev. Donald Varce of the Western Evangelical Seminary gave an inspiring message "Why Evangelize?" A recognition supper for new members was given New Year's Eve. Our friends from Rosedale celebrated New Year's Eve with us. ¶ Pringle Friends Church conducted the evening service the first week in January at the Union Gospel Mission.

—Bea Adams, reporting

EUGENE, Walter Cook, pastor

The Wednesday evening services for the past several months have been an intensified study of Acts. The inspirational study is presented by a different person each time. ¶ A coffee hour was held after the Christmas program to allow SS officers to become acquainted with parents of SS attenders. ¶ Eugene Friends supplied Christmas for an "adopted" family of seven persons. ¶ The church prayed the New Year in following a watchnight party.

PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

HILLSBORO, J. Russel Stands, pastor

Eleven hundred and fifty dollars has been given recently to the building fund and the men of the church have been working one night a week, accomplishing a great deal toward the finishing of our building. ¶ Our college youth were home for the Christmas holidays and we had quite a number of visitors in our services. ¶ We had a Christmas vesper service with a cast presenting "The Bible Characters Speak" to a sizable crowd. ¶ Bob and Darleen Church drove from Anchorage, Alaska, through -50° weather to be with her parents, our pastors, for Christmas. They plan a trip to Europe in April before returning to Alaska.

LYNWOOD, Howard E. Harmon, pastor

The SS program was presented December 23. Many of the young people and children took part in singing and portraying "The Birthday of Hope." ¶ The Missionary Conference with the theme, "We Have A Story To Tell" was the big event of the month. Charles Mylander opened the Conference January 3, speaking in SS, the Friends Youth and during the evening service. Roscoe Knight spoke January 5-10, showing slides of various missionary work and bringing the evening messages. Saturday, January 9, an 8 o'clock breakfast was held with Roscoe as

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¶ Special ministry was brought to us by Ione Fankhauser at WMU; Dr. Ross, Eugene Council of Education; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Turner, Stewardship Board. ¶ Our Friends Youth entertained the Friends Youth of this Quarterly Meeting Sunday, January 17.

—Barbara Brown, reporting

MEDFORD, Jack L. Willcuts, pastor

The new officers for the Over-50 Fellowship Group which meets once a month, are Dorothy Waldron, Tressie Gossard and Edith Hardin. ¶ A new church directory has been prepared. In it are lists of all SS and church workers and the name, address and phone number of all regular attenders of our congregation. ¶ There were 29 young people who went to Cannon Beach from Medford and Ashland. They gave their reports and testimonies on Sunday evening, January 3. ¶ On January 11 our pastor flew to Colorado Springs to attend meetings of the George Fox Press Publication Board and the Evangelical Friends Alliance. ¶ Our adult basketball team won their first league game.

HIGHLAND AVENUE, L. Merle Green, pastor

The SS department presented their annual Christmas program the evening of December 20. The program was concluded by a play given by the Friends Youth. ¶ A watch night service was held New Year's Eve in the parsonage. We shared in telling our goals for the church in the coming year. After the service the young people had a time of fellowship and refreshments. ¶ Highland's basketball team is now tied for first place. We are proud of the fine job the boys are doing. ¶ We are looking forward to the coming revival with Marlin Witt as evangelist and Harlow Ankeny as song director.

speaker, while a ladies' luncheon was held at noon with Tina Knight speaking. ¶ A group of our young people attended the Mid-Winter Conference at Cannon Beach with Mary Meireis as one of the counselors. ¶ Howard Harmon attended the Evangelical Friends Alliance at Colorado Springs January 12-14.

SVENSEN, Dan Nolta, pastor

The month of December was a busy month with SS class socials and plans for the Christmas program. Our program was on Sunday evening the 20. One hundred eighty people were present, setting an attendance record for our church. ¶ Our pastor continues to preach from the Sermon on the Mount in the morning services. ¶ The SS continues to grow under the direction of Dora Bersagel, superintendent. Kathy Jensen, Linda Jensen and Carol Henderson. ¶ Our pastors received word from their son and daughter, Earl and Janice Perisho in Kotzebue, Alaska, that their premature baby lived only a few hours. Our sympathy and prayers go out for them all at this time.

—Kathy Jensen, reporting

SECOND FRIENDS, Lyle Love, pastor

GFC Day was observed in a Sunday morning worship service with Professor Reynolds of the Speech

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Department bringing the message. ¶ The ladies of our church prepared food to be served on Christmas Day to Japanese sailors at First Friends Church where Pastor Kim held a service for them. ¶ Several large boxes of clothing were given to the Salvation Army to aid in the relief of flood victims. Also our Christian Education Committee held a SS class at Lents School for the flood evacuees. There were 48 present for the service. ¶ Two from our church attended Mid-Winter at Cannon Beach, Oregon. ¶ We had two Christmas Programs this year. The Christian Education Committee presented a Sunday evening service with Lynette Gaylin as director of a play. Terrell Repp presented the choir in some beautiful choral music during the play. Betty Love presented the Junior choir in a program, "O Worship the King" on Christmas Sunday morning. Carolyn Campbell was the reader for this program.

PIEDMONT, Glenn Armstrong, pastor

A very successful and interesting Missionary Conference was held at Piedmont in November. The project for our conference was missionary literature. Many made Faith Promises for the coming year which amounted to \$1,275. We praise the Lord for what He has done! ¶ Our Christmas program was presented the evening of December 20 by the children and young people of the church. ¶ Mid-Winter Conference was attended by seven from Piedmont. ¶ Our SS has received three blue ribbons from the Yearly Meeting Christian Education Board. We are thankful for the increased attendance in our SS over the fourth quarter of 1963. ¶ A surprise reception was given for Will and Doris Fessler December 27, in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. ¶ A Watch Night service was held in our church starting with our prayer meeting service at 8:00. A social time and refreshments followed. From 11:15 to 12:00 a candle light service was held with many giving their personal testimonies. ¶ Hubert and Esther Armstrong, members at Piedmont since 1932, have recently moved to Newberg. We are sorry to lose such fine Christian laymen from our services.

MAPLEWOOD, Bruce Hicks, pastor

On December 6, Robert Geyer, former W. G. M. missionary from Bolivia, brought the morning message. Due to the illness of our pastor, on December 27, Robert Geyer again brought the morning message. ¶ Due to bad weather we did not have our Christmas program until December 27. We had over 80 in attendance. Our young people presented the play, "Tax Day in Bethlehem." ¶ We had our annual New Year's Eve watch night service with the young people in charge. Table games and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone, and a very impressive candlelight dedication service followed.

TIMBER, Zenas Perisho, pastor

The Sunday services could not be held on December 20 because of the deep snow. The Christmas program had to be postponed until the following week, December 27. ¶ There were three from our area who attended Mid-Winter at Cannon Beach this year,

We have averaged over 110 for the past three months winning two blue ribbons in the Yearly Meeting contest. Our increased attendance is causing some "welcome problems" of expansion. Pray that community outreach may continue and that because of it souls will be won to the Master. ¶ We have been blessed financially as a result of a step of faith in giving our pastor a raise. The first month after "the step" we increased giving by twice the pastoral raise. The Lord continues to meet every need.

FIRST FRIENDS, Gerald Dillon, pastor

On December 20, the children had their Christmas program in the morning with the movie, "Christmas in Hong Kong" at night. On December 23 the choir gave "So Great The Gift." ¶ January 9, the Hadleys, Dillons, and Lius were guests for dinner on board a Chinese ship. On Sunday Captain Chiu of the ship was with us for the evening service. ¶ Our pastor was gone for the week of January 10 to attend the sessions of the Evangelical Friends Alliance held at Colorado Springs, Colorado. ¶ The film, "World's Fair Encounter" was shown on January 12.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

THOMPSON-BENSON. — Robert Thompson and Janice Benson, Portland, were united in marriage on December 18.
HALINGSTAD-COMBES. — Harold Halingstad of Chinook, Montana, and Izetta Combes were united in marriage December 29, at the Hillsboro Friends Church.
HAAS-HESTER. — Charles Haas and Joyce Hester were married at Newberg Friends Church at midnight on Christmas Eve, with Cyril Dorsett officiating.
MCCONAUGHEY-THORNBURG. — Roy McConaughy and Karen Sue Thornburg were married at Newberg Friends Church on Sunday afternoon, December 27, with Milo C. Ross officiating.
SPOLLING-DINES. — Raymond Spolling, Texas, and Geneva Dines, Homedale, were united in marriage.
WILKS-ALGER. — Larry Wilks and Miriam Alger of Homedale were recently united in marriage.
LEE-FRY. — Darwin Lee, Homedale, and Darrice Fry, Melba, were recently united in marriage.
EARNEST-FULLER. — Galen K. Earnest and Virginia Evelyn Fuller were united in marriage at Greenleaf Friends Church December 12.

BIRTHS

WILLIAMS. — To Leon and Betty Williams, Boise, a son, Darren Paul, born November 11, 1964, by adoption.
ROBERTS. — To Leon and Naomi Roberts, a daughter, Tamara Annette, born December 3.
WILHITE. — To Mr. and Mrs. Wally Wilhite, a daughter, Angela Michelle, born December 27.
HAWORTH. — To David and Jackie Haworth, Portland, a son, David Dwayne, born November 1.

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WALLACE. — To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace, a daughter, Terre Lynn, born December 19.
PHILLIPS. — To Richard and Lois Phillips, a daughter, Jody Lynn, born December 21.

DEATHS

EICHENBERGER. — William C. Eichenberger of Friendsview Manor passed away at Nampa, Idaho, on December 23. Funeral services were held at Nampa on December 28.
CHINN. — Debbie Chinn, five years old, Holly Park, was fatally injured by an automobile and died December 13.
GLENDY. — Minnie Glendy, 72, Star, Idaho, passed away December 20 at her home.

SPECIAL NEWS NOTES

TO OYM MINISTERS

Pastors of Oregon Yearly Meeting are reminded of the plans for a joint Ministerial Conference May 10-13 with California Yearly Meeting ministers. The conference will be held on Clear Lake, near Williams, California. Merle Green and Dale Field are arranging transportation plans for the occasion. Charles Morgan is president of the Oregon Yearly Meeting Ministerial Association this year.

TO OYM QUAKER MEN

"Christianity at Work in My Life" will be the theme of the 1965 National Conference of Quaker Men scheduled July 10-14 in Whittier, California. This conference is expected to attract several hundred Quaker men from all over continental United States and elsewhere.

TO OYM WMU

May Nordyke, president of Oregon Yearly Meeting WMU, will be leaving with her husband Homer, for her ministry in Bolivia and Peru on February 20. Continue to pray for their visit to our South American mission fields.

TO OYM BOARD MEMBERS

Be in prayer for Mid-year Board Meetings, February 15-19, 1965. All sessions will be held at Newberg Friends Church. As a board member, you have been selected to represent your area of concern. Make your board count most by attendance and cooperation. A united meeting for worship and challenge will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 9 a. m., for all members of all boards.

Letters and Comments

Dear Jack:

Your editorial (Who Pays Attention?, November, 1964) was very much appreciated. I too love the church, primarily because she has been a channel through which the love and message of God has been communicated to me. Admitted the channel has at times let some debris stop the full flow, but yet through the lives of many, there has been more than enough get through to help me greatly.

It does seem a little short sighted to criticize the church because she isn't doing much. I presume this criticism has arisen because of the church's failure to make the world a much better place in which to live, and implies that if the church was right the world would be different. This, I don't accept. The same line of reasoning would raise serious question as to God, the Bible, Christ, and all that is good. One cannot imagine the good done by these forces unless they were suddenly removed for a season and no impact allowed in any way. It seems to me the explanation for the mess in which the world finds herself is not the failure of the church, God, Christ, or the Bible, but the simple rebellious attitude of a world that won't listen and obey. Again, it is a case of Jesus being unable to do any mighty work because of their unbelief. This certainly does not excuse the church for her failures. We should examine ourselves constantly and keep a good criticism of our work.

Sincerely,

Gerald W. Dillon

SMOKE continued

ed smoking, the best prevention is to give up smoking. The majority of high school students are not regular smokers.

It is hard for most people to give up smoking. In spite of this, a recent survey shows that one quarter of all doctors who were cigarette smokers have given up smoking in recent years, after the new evidence was available.

To smoke or not to smoke? It is your decision. . . it is your future. ●

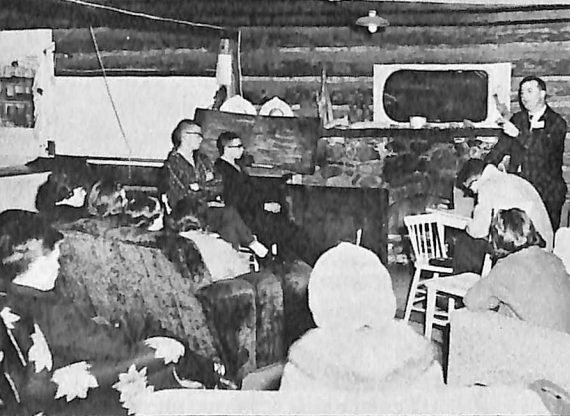
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MID-WINTER 1964

Snow and cold weather set the scene (left) for a very satisfactory Mid-Winter Convention at Cannon Beach December 28 - January 1. Among the activities of special interest to teens was the quiz team competition. Medford Friends Church team (above) came out the victors. The Spirit directed ministry of Roscoe Knight (inset below)

was largely responsible for the outstanding success of the camp. The elective curriculum offered something of interest to all. Gerry Dillon (below right) was one of the teachers. One of the main sources of heat was the daily PANIC that occurred in the gym. Three bewildered campers (below left) try to sort out their ears and noses.



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