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APPRECIATION FOR THE CRISMANS

AFTER NEARLY four years in the Yearly Meeting office as Assistant Superintendent, Clynton Crisman moves in June to the pastorate of the Seattle Friends Memorial Church. His work both in the fields of Christian Education and Church Extension has been of great benefit and blessing to the Yearly Meeting as well as his leadership as Acting Superintendent during the severe illness of General Superintendent Dean Gregory.

The comment of the Board of Evangelism president after working with Clynton Crisman a short time, "You gradually become aware of the fact that he knows what he is doing and how to do it," is the confidence that many Yearly Meeting board members share. The pastors have appreciated his deep spiritual concern and sympathetic interest as he has visited extensively over the Yearly Meeting during these years. His evaluation studies with the various Sunday schools and churches and thorough direction of the church extension program will continue to be of value in future years. Of particular help has been his guidance in the Friends Youth work, Mid-winter Conventions, and Youth Ambassador Program and other related ministries.

Drawing from his training and experience as a successful pastor and youth leader coupled with a clear, genuine dedication to the Lord has made it evident that God led him to this responsible task for these past years. During some of the time, his wife, Marjorie, assisted with secretarial responsibilities in the Yearly Meeting office.

The Yearly Meeting is grateful to the Lord for leading the Crisman's into these varied ministries among us and wish them well in their new field of service. He will continue various responsibilities on the Yearly Meeting level as a member of the Board of Evangelism and as pastoral advisor to the Friends Youth organization.

—J. L. W.

ADDED COMMENTS

By Dean Gregory

Clynton Crisman has proven himself to be an invaluable leader in Yearly Meeting affairs. For these years he has quietly and effectively administered his office in an admirable manner.

I am especially indebted to him for assuming the duties of my office during my illness and for extending his service as Acting Superintendent of our Yearly Meeting for the past year. The kindness of the Crisman family in delaying their move to the Friends Memorial pastorate, as well as Oscar and Ruth Brown's willingness to adjust their plans by remaining on duty at Friends Memorial church until June, 1966, has been deeply appreciated by all of us who are involved in the Yearly Meeting work.

Clynton Crisman has shown outstanding talent in pastoral counseling, church extension.

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Money Matters

IF WE WERE TO GIVE you a hot tip on an investment that paid you big dividends in a material way, you would be grateful. . . a recent Newsletter from the Twin Rocks Conference says. "You should be grateful," the plea goes on, "for this tip on an investment paying the greatest dividends while the cycles of eternity roll after other stocks and bonds have burned and been forgotten."

Twin Rocks merits this appeal of course. So do many other eternal investments open to Friends. Here is a hot tip on the United Budget projection figure for the Yearly Meeting in 1966-67. It is sent to the churches at \$77,840.00, (after suffering the annual agonizing paring done in the final hours of the Executive Council's attempt to make a realistic challenge. It was around \$113,000.00 before this conscientious trimming took place.)

The United Budget, you know, is the fund to which each church is asked to contribute throughout the year supporting the missionary work, church extension, publications and all the other Friends Church departmental programs. Every missionary and mission field, every outpost pastor and church, this magazine and other ministries which Friends find possible by working together in the Northwest—all these are tied to this vision and concern each church has in this stewardship package known as the "United Budget." This united budget is the financial circulation system for our part of the Body of Christ, the Church. And, like other circulatory systems, the entire body is weak if anemia appears in any part.

Stewardship is not brought about by scolding, not even by spanking. It is a matter of the heart. Anemia affects the vitality of the entire body. So when they figure this budget down to \$3.34 per month for each resident active member (an expression which simply means every church member living near his home church), it means that when any Meeting or any member omits this item from their giving the evangelistic force of the entire church is weakened.

God's work is vast and glorious. Stewardship must be lifted from percentages and legalism to its proper place in the total task of the church and the life of the Christians. If any pressure is exerted it should be from the local stewards who bring so much to the storehouse that these named to channel these gifts have to fervently pray and study for proper ways of using the money in effective outreach everywhere.

The fact is, we have no choice about stewardship as Christians. We may choose or reject our Lord as Saviour, but once we become Christians, we ARE stewards—either good stewards or poor stewards. What ought to be a joyful privilege should never degenerate to a dull duty as we bring our gifts to the Lord. "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards to the manifold grace of God." In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul raises a series of questions which cannot be adequately answered in our day apart from the personal

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By Dean Gregory,
General Superintendent

In the final months of his fifteenth year as Superintendent of Oregon Yearly Meeting Dean Gregory has been asked to present two articles expressing his special concerns for our church. The second and last will appear in the June issue. —Editor



OUR CHRISTIAN MISSION

IT IS SAID that the Protestant Reformation did two great things for the Christian believer: it shifted religious authority from the church to the Bible, and religious responsibility from the priest to the individual. Thus, we Friends share in the fruits of the Reformation, for we do hold that the Bible, as illumined and enlivened by the living Christ's presence by the power of the Holy Spirit, is our highest authority for faith and for practice. We also believe that every man stands responsible before God for his own soul and will be called to give an account of the deeds done in this life.

We glory in our heritage and thank God we live in the beneficial glow of victories won for the faith by those stalwarts who "loved not their lives unto the death." (Revelation 12:11).

The Gospel is concerned primarily with individual persons. This is true even though programs are geared to reach the masses. It is men, not institutions, for whom Christ died, but we must never lose sight of the glorious truth that His Church is made up of redeemed men, and He "... loved the church and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." (Ephesians 5:25, 26).

The true minister of Christ likewise loves the church and his dedication calls for giving himself in dedicated service to his Lord through the divinely appointed channel, the church.

I believe that the Friends church is a family within the great household of Christ, and all Friends who are truly born of the Spirit are members of His Church.

Friends of Oregon Yearly Meeting are united in a common faith and a central task. While we appreciate our individual freedom

as believers in matters of doctrine and action, we also accept the framework of boundaries within which we pledge ourselves to work and serve as members of the church. Our book of Constitution and Discipline outlines this framework and gives us a comprehensive guide and rule for what are our essential Christian beliefs and for our most important Christian tasks.

For nearly three quarters of a century, Friends in the Pacific Northwest have been working at the task of extending the Kingdom of God through Christian mission. This means that the Biblical tasks of the church are simply extensions or amplifications of the existing churches.

From the dusty old files of Oregon Yearly Meeting Minutes, dated 1893, I find the following record:

1. A request was presented from the Friends residing in Oregon, comprising the two Quarterly Meetings of Newberg and Salem, asking that a Yearly Meeting be established at Newberg in Oregon, in 6th month, 1893, and to be known as Oregon Yearly Meeting.

This meeting, without a dissenting voice, unites in granting the request, and with the approbation of other Yearly Meetings, the meeting will be opened at the time suggested in the request.

Minute No. 23 of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, held from the 8th to the 15th of 9th month, 1891.

— Stephen M. Hadley, Clerk.

This is, to us, the thrilling beginning of a Christian mission—an extension of the Friends church in Iowa. Of special interest, the record shows that concurrence was given to this action by "the other Yearly Meetings,"

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meaning all American Yearly Meetings, I presume, and that representatives were sent to this "setting up meeting" by nine Yearly Meeting bodies.

In 1893, there were nine monthly meetings and seven "other meetings" with a membership of 1363, comprising Oregon Yearly Meeting. Now, 73 years later, there are 63 churches with a total of 5972 members. The story of these years is most interesting—a story of extension and mission. It is a continuation of 2 Timothy 2:2, "and the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Here is found the secret life and growth in the church.

Our history shows that the greatest periods of growth have followed our most intensive programs of foreign missions and church extension at home, and both were born and carried out in the fires of spiritual revival at the home base. When these fires have burned low, there has always been a serious slow-down in mission and extension.

Today, Friends of Oregon Yearly Meeting stand before unprecedented opportunities to extend Christ's Gospel into brand new fields of Christian endeavor. Progress is being made toward further cooperative action and encourage us to look beyond ourselves.

Our Friends Youth have been and continue to be a vital part of our church. They are a constant source of challenge to all of us. My concern is that our church needs to be challenging its youth, and to do that the church must open to youth a broad view of Christian service which will fire their zeal to all-out endeavor for the Lord's work. Can the church compete with the world's call for experts in the various fields of service? I believe the church should provide a constant climate conducive to the spiritual nurture and growth of all its members, including the young folk.

The Christian vocations of life can be the most broadening and thrilling of all human pursuits, if God's call is clear. The pastor, the missionary, the Christian school teacher or administrator, the evangelist, Christian Education director, or minister of music, all have within their reach, the most rewarding experiences in all the world—a ministry to persons. I can think of nothing more rewarding than to influence another person so that he will be turned to a better life, to a nobler thought, to a new hope and, above all, to a completely new life in Christ.

May, 1966

Our Yearly Meeting is fortunate in having such a large corps of fine leaders. I have never figured out how many man hours are devoted to the work of the Yearly Meeting and the local churches by volunteer help, but it is a very significant service. Some Yearly Meeting committees meet for prayer and planning as often as once a month, others three, four or six times a year. We must not be tempted to think we can eventually hire people to "relieve" this situation. Involvement is the secret of devotion and all Friends ought to be highly involved—not only in the mechanics of the institution of the church, but even more important, in the real work of the church which is daily and continuous witnessing as the church members are "sown out" throughout their communities, at their jobs and places of business, where their lives may be in touch with men who need to know the meaning of God and His plan for their eternal destiny.

This next year, 1966-1967, has been designated by the Executive Council as "Year of Advance" in Oregon Yearly Meeting. Specifically, it will be an attempt to get all of us to concentrate on the essentials of our work as Christians. It will be an attempt to put aside the secondary, time-consuming church work, so that all of us may be free to devote ourselves more fully to prayer, visitation, evangelism, Bible study, Sunday School recruitment, and community service.

Oregon Yearly Meeting is simply our 63 local churches in extension—doing work together which we could not do alone. Our Yearly Meeting is no more than the composite sum of all the concerns and desires of the members of the churches for ministry and outreach. I pray God will move us to greater achievements and to deeper devotion to our Lord than we have ever known. There is a great work to be done and with the responsibility God also has promised the Holy Spirit who will empower us for the work. ●

CRISMANS *continued*

sion advising, and Christian Education program supervision, especially in the fields of Youth, Sunday School and Youth Ambassador work. I have depended a great deal on his judgement in matters of policy and problem situations, as well as program planning in Yearly Meeting affairs.

My love and high esteem shall go with Clynton as he and his family move on to their next field of Christian service. ●

ministry of Christian giving:

"How shall people confess Christ,
If they do not believe?
And how shall they believe
If they have not heard?
And how shall they hear
Without preachers?
And how shall they preach
Except they be sent?"

Christian giving is the answer to this final question. We have many ministers and missionaries who are sent and must be supported. Many others are sensing the call to go and must then be sent. So, how much do you pray about your giving? Before you buy something or after? Before you sign the contract at the bank for monthly installments so that there is scarcely anything left of your pay check to pray about. . . or earlier?

Everyone in Oregon Yearly Meeting is a steward. But are all good stewards? "It is required of a man that he be found faithful."

FIVE FRIENDS TO GRADUATE FROM WES

By Kenneth Eichenberger

Norval R. Hadley, alumnus of Western Evangelical Seminary, was guest speaker for Christian Life Week, May 10 to 13 inclusive, at Western Evangelical Seminary.

Norval Hadley is well known among Friends for his part in the "Four Flats Quartet" of George Fox College; and in more recent years his association as assistant to Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision.

The annual spring banquet of the school was held Saturday evening, May 14, at which time Mr. Hadley was the featured speaker.

It is anticipated that there will be five Friends in the graduating class this spring. Commencement activities will take place May 26 and 27, with the Baccalaureate service at 2:00 p. m., May 26, and Commencement exercises at 8:00 p. m., May 27.

Friends are urged to make plans to attend commencement activities as an expression of our interest in and concern for our ministerial students. ●

Memo to Church Secretary: "... do it all. . . !"

Joan Logan served as office secretary for the Medford Friends Church for nearly two years until she found it necessary to give full time to her home responsibilities. Her description of this task also carries a concern that many churches and pastors of the Yearly Meeting could benefit from part time or full time secretarial assistance.

By Joan Logan

PPOINT NUMBER THREE of the Medford Friends' twelve-point job description for the church secretary reads: "Do mimeographing, stencil cutting, etc. (do it all), make machine adjustments, keep them in working order."

"Do it all!" Doesn't this sound like a parenthetical plea for help—flavored perhaps with just a tinge of desperation? Often many tasks and responsibilities are assumed by the pastor which have nothing whatever to do with the ministry to which the Lord has called him, simply because it has not occurred to anyone to help. The bulk of these tasks falls into the category of office management and secretarial help which will adequately and efficiently meet its needs. Larger churches will probably need to hire a qualified, nearly full-time secretary and should, incidentally, offer a salary commensurate with her abilities, training and expected responsibilities.

I think it's often easier for a larger church to see the need for a competent office staff, as the size of the congregation and scope of the program make it obvious that it's more than a one-man job. A smaller church, however, might tend to feel that because of its size and financial limitations it must adjust as best it can. The "adjustment", unfortunately, is that the pastor must take precious time from his calling, studying, praying and counseling to double as receptionist, stenographer, errand boy, layout artist, file clerk, printer, telephone information service and a dozen other jobs.

New churches and small churches need the full time concentrated efforts of their pastor as much or more than large congregations. It is through visiting and calling in the community that new people are reached and the church grows. Research, study and much prayer are vital in the preparation of the weekly minimum of three sermons which will nourish, inspire and challenge those who listen, and present Christ to men. In every community there are tragedies, sorrows,

family problems, tensions—all crying out, even if silently, for someone to listen, to advise, to give wise counsel. This is a major part of the pastor's ministry. The job the Lord has called our pastor to do is going to take all of his time and energy, and then some. It is my feeling that it is grossly unfair—and unnecessary—to deny the church the best that its minister desires to give, and has come to offer.

If a small church can add to its budget the wages for a part-time secretary one or two full days a week, or two to four hours a day five days a week (whichever lends itself best to the church's needs and the pastor's schedule), the effect of an enlarged outreach and more constructive ministry will be soon apparent. Undoubtedly in some churches any further financial involvement is impossible. These churches may be surprised at the willingness of helpers to volunteer secretarial services when they are made aware of the need. Although continuity and efficiency are more easily maintained with one secretary doing all of the office work, some simple time scheduling and listing of job descriptions can result in a workable and extremely helpful arrangement involving several volunteer secretaries, each of whom may perhaps work only a few hours a week. So, even if your pastor is a whiz on the typewriter, and can cut a stencil or run a mimeograph with the best of them, being released from these tasks by competent secretarial help, whether hired or volunteered, will enable him to expand his ministry, and the church will ultimately benefit and grow.

From the secretary's point of view, her work offers unlimited challenges for creativity and opportunities for Christian service. Besides assuming existing clerical and office duties formerly borne by the pastor, the presence of a church secretary opens doors to new avenues of organization and outreach. Increased contact in the community and congregation through a mid-week news sheet and regular releases to the local newspaper may

be initiated or expanded. Properly indexed filing systems, up-to-date address files and mailing lists are time-consuming projects, but add greatly to a smoothly running church program and save time in the long run. A well-coordinated calendar of events avoids conflicts, and clarifies the long range purpose of church and committee work.

Then, of course, there's the ever-present, ever-ringing telephone. Although many calls must be transferred to the pastor, a great number of calls can be handled by a secretary who is aware of church activities, meeting times and places, and routine information such as management of details for weddings, receptions, etc. When the congregation becomes aware of the hours the secretary is in the office, they are usually cooperative in channeling routine calls through her whenever possible. The tone of voice in answering the telephone, personality and attitude will be major factors in determining the secretary's usefulness in this area. The secretary can assume responsibility for many routine outgoing calls as well, such as calling committee members to advise of meetings, setting up certain appointments for the pastor, ordering supplies, calling repair services, etc. It should go without saying that any confidential matters coming to the secretary's attention must be guarded and kept inviolate—with no exceptions.

A daily memorandum on the pastor's desk each morning with a list of his scheduled meetings and appointments may be valuable in helping him to organize his time. The pastor may find the secretary useful in keeping records of pastoral calls, attendance records and other information he will need for periodic reports. Correspondence will comprise a great deal of the secretary's work. Typing sermon notes and manuscripts, as well as illustration material become routine. Shorthand or speed writing are valuable in taking dictation, but with the use of a tape recorder or dictaphone these skills are not mandatory.

Instructions to the janitor for special commitments at weddings, socials, room arrangement for committee meetings, heating at other than regularly specified times, may be relayed through the secretary. She may be expected also to double check the sanctuary to see that hymnbooks are right side up and properly distributed, that the library or bookshelves are neat and orderly, that the nursery is ready for use, that a pen or sharpened pencil is always available by the guest book, that Sunday School rooms are neat. Although the actual execution of these jobs will fall to others, it is good to have an overall awareness of how these details are being handled.

There is a valuable accompaniment to most mimeograph machines and other office equipment which is often sadly neglected—the instruction book. Although it might seem easier to call on the pastor for help in adjustments, inking, stopping of leaks, etc., it is amazing how many bugaboos can be avoided or remedied by simply reading and following the instructions. If professional repairs, or cleaning are needed to keep equipment in good working order, the pastor may wish to be notified, or it may be left to the secretary's discretion. In any case the pastor will appreciate being spared a blow by blow account of each difficulty encountered in every secretarial venture.

The church secretary's responsibility to projects of church committees and individual members of the congregation should be well defined from the beginning. Undoubtedly she will be of service to the church as a whole, but under no circumstances should she accept work such as stencil cutting, mimeographing, typing, etc., without a clear understanding that her regular duties must take precedence over extra services and then only with the pastor's approval.

Item twelve on our church secretary's job description reads: "Be loyal to the Lord, the church and the pastor with a genuine confidence in all three. . . in this order". The work of a church secretary is unique, interesting, enjoyable and fulfilling. It is also necessary. If you have no secretarial help in your church, probably most of the above outlined activities are carried on anyway—by the pastor. Isn't it time we allowed our pastors to function as full-time ministers? Regarding stenographic and office detail—let the machinery of the church be run smoothly and efficiently in a manner acceptable to Christ by secretaries willing to "do it—all"!

Quaker Men "CLUB 120"

By David Pruitt

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY tarried in the upper room until they were empowered by the Holy Spirit. They then went everywhere spreading the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Oregon Yearly Meeting has far more than 120 men who have experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit which first came at Pentecost. The following suggestions would provide an opportunity for this Power to be expressed in a unified way.

One hundred twenty men who would pledge \$10.00 each month for one year would provide \$14,400 with which to:

A. Pay the salary of a pastor who has to work full time to support his family. (The pastor at Emmett, Idaho would like to begin the building program of his church but can not because of having to work full time.)

B. Pay the cost of sending two men to do construction work on the mission field, thus relieving the missionaries for their personal work.

C. Provide funds to put an additional couple on the mission field, including transportation and salary.

D. Supply funds to take care of Quaker Men expenses.

None of this will be done unless Quaker Men do it.

Have you felt that Quaker Men were not doing very much as a group?

Here is your opportunity to help something happen because you were concerned. Any portion of \$10.00 is acceptable. Pledge as you feel you can.

The Evangelistic Board has encouraged our undertaking this type of project.

Send your pledge and money to Hubert Armstrong, 1517 E. 2nd, Newberg, Oregon. He will send a receipt as treasurer of Quaker Men of Oregon Yearly Meeting.

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SHARE

The Silverton meeting plans to dedicate its new Christian Education unit on June 12. The Share Program, in which Friends contribute \$2.00 per Share toward new church buildings, has brought in \$1818.50 so far for this wonderful project.

There is a sense of accomplishment in knowing that so many Friends are involved

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New Addition

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1966

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. - Dedication

3:15 - 5:30 p.m. - Open House

in such a building project.

There are quite a number of Share holders who have not responded to the Silverton call. When you mail your Share gifts, be assured they will be appreciated and used to lift the financial load at this time.

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FRUIT OF THE VINE is a quarterly Friends devotional booklet, written for Friends by Friends to provide a supplement to your daily devotions. We recommend daily use of FRUIT OF THE VINE as an extremely helpful aid toward new spiritual insight and in giving impetus to your daily walk with God.

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For the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

THE "WHY" OF WMU DEVOTIONS

By Edna M. Springer
Devotions Committee Chairman

THE THEME FOR our devotions in WMU meetings this ensuing year is "Our Walk". Last year the theme was, "We Worship."

The Lord our God says to His people ". . . what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear (have reverence) the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul."

This covers our worship, our walk and our work. These three phases of Christian life furnish the themes for devotions during the three-year tenure, as devotional chairman, of the writer.

May the Spirit of the Lord grant us grace to "worship Him in the beauty of holiness", to "walk circumspectly" and victoriously before Him; to work for Him, as He leads, while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work."

May He enable each of us to be "Marys" in our love for Him and His Word—to take time to sit at His feet in devotion with real intercession for the whole missionary program of Oregon Yearly Meeting; for all the work of our Yearly Meeting; our leaders, pastors and evangelists, for all the saints, and the outreach at home and abroad. Let us pray for revival to come to individual meetings, that "the word shall have free course and God be glorified," and there be a "moving up" and "settling in" to do the whole will of God. Then, and only then, will there be an ingathering of souls and workers raised up and sent out.

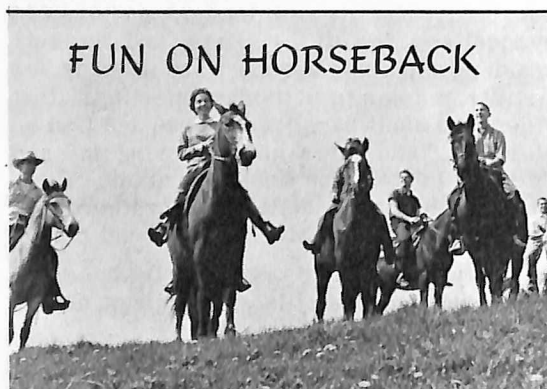
Revival, after God's order, will also solve the financial needs of local meetings and on the Yearly Meeting level.

Yes, devotions create in the local WMU Meetings an atmosphere of quickened faith and united worship for the spiritual profit of each woman present, and for a profitable meeting, which will make each one aware of the missionary fields abroad and the great need at home and help make missionaries of us all!



PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FRIENDS HEAR MILO ROSS

The Friends Church of Phoenix was delighted to have Dr. and Mrs. Milo C. Ross as their guests on the first anniversary in the new church. Dr. Ross brought a challenging message for the church to reach out and change the surrounding conditions. There was also wonderful opportunity for fellowship with former Oregon Yearly Meeting Friends. Those present and included in the picture at the first anniversary service with Milo and Alice Ross were: Nicholas and Helen Glass and family, Carolyn, Nancy, David and Sherman formerly of Nampa, Idaho; Norman and Ruth Ehrlich and family, Faith, Daniel, David and Karen formerly of Salem, Oregon and Lindell and Grace Hockett formerly of Portland, Oregon. The dedication of these Friends and others not present have meant much to the development of the Friends Church of Phoenix, 8055 N. 39th Avenue. Lloyd T. McDonald is pastor.



FUN ON HORSEBACK

WILDERNESS WRANGLERS TRAIL CAMP for youth will be held July 25-30, 1966. Registration is open to all teens who were in high school in 1965. Set your sights for fun this summer! For further information contact Phil Harmon, 203 Joshua Green Building, Seattle, Washington 98101. This program is sponsored by the OYM Camp Committee.

STAR FRIENDS YOUTH HOLD 'BIBLE SCIENCE SEMINAR'

THE FRIENDS Youth of Star Friends Church with the help of Senior Youth teacher, Louise Ralphs, and the pastor sponsored a Bible Science Seminar on March 24 and 25. The featured speaker was Rev. Walter Lang, founder and president of the Bible Science Association, Inc., He is also pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church of Caldwell, Idaho. Youth from the neighboring towns and churches were invited to share in the concerted drive to strengthen the testimony of the Church and provide our youth with basic scientific and Biblical authority for the Creationist position, in contrast to the evolutionary hypothesis which is still taught in many public institutions of learning as "fact", instead of theory.

Rev. Lang presented two one hour demonstrated lectures which were followed by an extended period of question and answers. Approximately 75 attended the seminar representing five churches. Steve Mikesell was master of ceremonies and Dave Wilhite served as Chairman of the Seminar arrangements.

The following considerations are, in part, expressive of the Creationist point of view as summarized by Louise Ralphs:

1. The position that we must approach the subject first from a Spiritual or moral standpoint rather than from a scientific point of view as Christians. . . If God is put first, other things fit into logical order. When we put God second, we are in danger of error.

2. We cannot accept evolution in biology without accepting it in sociology,—that is, the gradual betterment of man by his own inherent efforts. If creation was not accomplished by the Infinite God, whole and complete, in a comparatively short time as taught in Genesis, how can we accept the "new creation" or the "new birth" to be whole and complete? God makes both creations clear as facts in His word. Can we disregard one without throwing out the other?

3. If the creation were not correct as it is reported and recorded in God's Word, then the Virgin Birth story may not be accurate either. The Bible describes them both as historical facts.

4. The main objection of the "Creationists" is not that other men have different theories,

but rather, that they are presented to school children as "fact". This is unscientific because of lack of proof.

5. The danger of compromise between God's word and modern science is, as Rev. Lang pointed out, that he has witnessed many Christian institutions, both church and colleges that had compromised on this issue, only to find later a surrendering of other points and finally falling altogether from God's blessings and truth.

The following significant quotation from Henry M. Morris, Ph. D. M. S. and John C. Witcomb, Th. M., Th. D. in their book, THE

GENESIS FLOOD summarizes well the danger inherent in any position of compromise on the subject of Creation:

"We see therefore, that when one decides to reject the concept of real creation, there is no scientific stopping place short of what amounts to atheism. Not only the various types of living creatures but even life itself, and then everything in the physical universe from the simplest atom to the greatest galaxy must be incorporated into the evolutionary hypothesis! One searches in vain for the acknowledgement of God and His creative power in all these theories."

REPORT OF YEARLY MEETING FINANCES

JULY 31, 1965 to MARCH 31, 1966

QUARTERLY MEETING	FIXED EXPENSE	RECEIVED TO DATE	U. B. PLEDGE*	RECEIVED TO DATE	TOTALS
Boise Valley	\$3,604.93	\$2,415.33	\$6,600.00	\$4,651.84	\$10,204.93 7,067.17 3,137.76
Greenleaf	3,864.46	2,083.91	4,750.00	2,247.38	8,614.46 4,331.29 4,283.17
Newberg	4,999.56	3,477.73	14,166.00	9,334.42	19,165.56 12,812.15 6,353.41
Salem	4,768.54	2,961.26	7,000.00	4,984.50	11,768.54 7,945.76 3,822.78
Puget Sound	2,081.96	1,509.39	4,079.00	2,310.85	6,160.96 3,820.24 2,340.72
Portland	5,139.30	3,626.78	12,380.00	8,690.94	17,519.30 12,317.72 5,201.58
Inland	869.86	68.60	1,670.00	1,307.93	2,539.86 1,376.53 1,163.33
S. W. Washington	3,191.39	1,455.55	4,614.00	4,322.77	7,805.39 5,778.32 2,027.07
Totals*	28,520.00	17,598.55	55,259.00	37,850.63	83,779.00 55,449.18 28,329.82

*These United Budget figures are based on the Monthly Meeting pledges as they appear in the appendix of the 1965 Yearly Meeting Minutes, which is not the exact figure considered by the Executive Council at Y. M. in August.

Calvin Wilkins, Financial Secretary



MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHIES

Gene Comfort

By Carolann Palmer

COMING FROM IDAHO, and a family of nine, we introduce missionary Gene Comfort.

Gene's early childhood was spent in Idaho where his father, Ralph Comfort, was engaged in the lumber industry. In 1945 the family moved to Greenleaf, Idaho, so the children could attend Greenleaf Academy. It was during his first year there that he was saved. He says that the influence of the Christian home and summer camps had a lot to do with this decision.

It was while attending George Fox College that he met Betty Brown. After two years they were engaged and after two more years in the medical corps with time in Korea, they were married. Gene graduated from Northwest Nazarene College majoring in Elementary Education, and taught sixth grade near Hillsboro, Oregon. Gene and Betty have four boys: Ricky, 9; Kenny, 7; Mike, 5; and Denny, 1.

His interest in missions was aroused through missionary speakers at the Academy and at Quaker Hill Camp. Later he wondered if it was just interest, but in the winter of 1958, he felt called to offer himself to the work of Oregon Yearly Meeting, feeling a deep interest in the agricultural activities of the Bible School at Copajira. They left for language school in Costa Rica in August, 1960, arriving in Bolivia in April, 1961. After six weeks at Copajira, the change in land reform activities forced them to move to Amacari, where they spent nearly a year working with the churches there. Six months were also spent in LaPaz and the last year of their

first term was in the new area of Caranavi-Alto Beni.

After an early furlough and a year of teaching school in the homeland they were invited by the National Friends Church of Bolivia to return to the Caranavi area of Bolivia. As of now there is one organized monthly meeting with five organized dependent meetings, and four others meeting regularly which have not organized officially. There are continued opportunities as the Lord leads and workers are faithful.

His activities include evangelistic trips accompanied by National Christians into the colonies. They hold tent meetings upon invitation and spend days doing house to house visitation. He serves as a personal counselor to the pastors and lay workers of this area and supplies literature for sale or free distribution. He also treats uncomplicated illnesses and gives routine injections to those whose tuberculosis has been diagnosed by a doctor, charging only the cost of the medicine. Living in this humid climate, there is constant need for property upkeep due to fast working termites, ants and undergrowth.

His favorite verses are Psalm 46:1, 2: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." With the Lord as Guide and Companion, there is no need to fear the unknown.

Remember to pray for Gene and Betty and their boys as they minister to the Aymara Indians in Bolivia's lowlands.

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LISTEN! LITTLE QUAKERS

By Marie Haines

Patty is Disappointed

COME IN A MINUTE. I want to show you something." Patty tugged at Ann's arm. "I can't stay long." Ann protested. "Mother always expects me right after school. She worries if I am late."

"This won't take long. I want you to see the new clothes Mom got for my trip."

"Your trip!" Ann was surprised. "I didn't know you were going away. When are you going?"

"Don't you remember," Patty said impatiently. "The trip Dr. Smith is going to take a junior boy and girl on in a couple of weeks as soon as school closes. You know, Tommy Bates has already been chosen from the Fifth grade. I just love Mrs. Smith and the doctor too. It is too bad they never had any children."

"But you haven't been chosen yet." Ann protested. "How do you know it will be you?"

"I know I haven't but I am always chosen," Patty tossed her curls. "I can speak and I can sing and play the piano. I get the highest grades in the room. Besides, I brought two new girls to Sunday School and Dr. Smith said that would count."

"Tommy brought six and they all have become Christians. Sally and Mary don't come any more." Ann pointed out.

"Never mind. There, isn't this neat?" Patty shook out some stretch pants and a ruffled blouse. "And look at this darling bathing suit. Mom got me a new dress too."

"Did you tell your Mom you had been chosen?"

"Not exactly but she thinks I will be," Patty said confidently.

"It doesn't pay to be too sure." Ann's mother said when Ann told her about Patty. "I know Miss Shirley will choose the one she thinks should have the honor. What about you honey? Wouldn't you like to spend a couple of weeks with the Smiths in their summer home on the lake?"

"Of course I would." Ann said promptly. "Any one of us would love to go but I can't do things like Patty and I never brought a single person to Sunday School."

Excitement was high but all the girls admitted that probably Patty would be the lucky winner.

"All right girls," Miss Shirley smiled into their tense faces. "I know you are waiting to see whom I have chosen to go with Dr. Smith. It has not been easy because I love all of you. I have chosen the one who is always dependable. She always finishes whatever she starts. She is always willing to do any little task I ask and she does it well. I have chosen Ann."

There was an excited gasp and then the others clapped their hands. Even Patty bravely acted as if she were pleased.

"Remember the scrap books we all started to make for the Children's Hospital?" Miss Shirley went on gently. "Only Ann finished hers."

Several of the girls guiltily remembered half finished ones at home.

"Patty learned her part in the Easter program and then did not even come."

"Aunt Ella came about Sunday School time and we went to her church and out for dinner." Patty defended herself.

"And you Dorothy, did not even learn your part." Miss Shirley nodded. "Who always learns the Scripture texts and has her work book done each Sunday?"

"Ann does," the other girls laughed. "She deserves to be chosen."

"I was so surprised, mother." Ann dimpled later. "I never thought just to be dependable was a talent but Miss Shirley says it is a big one."

"I have something to tell my 'dependable' little girl," mother smiled. "Grandma thought you might be needing some new clothes for summer so she sent you a nice check for your birthday. If we sew together, we can make all the new things you will need."

"Oh, mother," Ann squealed throwing her arms around her mother's neck, "Isn't the Lord good to me! Tommy and I will have such fun together. We like the same things and he isn't rough or bossy. I will just thank the Lord every day!"

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AMONG THE CHURCHES



NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

SHERWOOD, Dave Fendall, pastor

We have had a week of special meetings with John and Dorothy Sinton from Ireland. They were a great blessing to our church and we had a real revival. The closing night 40 men, women, and children went forward for help. Whole families were drawn closer to the Lord. Between 55 and 60 were helped during the week. Our pastor is bringing a series of Sunday morning messages on the Ten Commandments. In the evening service he interviews one of the young people so we can become better acquainted with them, asking them various questions. We had a farewell on the Sunday night following service on March 20 in honor of Dave Lundy, who joined the Armed Services. We had an all church skating party on April 5 at Hillsboro which we all enjoyed. The Newberg Quarter had its Spring WMU Rally in our church on March 22. We had around 140 women here and a very good program with Florene Nordyke as special speaker. Our WMU and Mary Thomas missionary groups made 72 sanitary kits to be distributed by World Vision in Viet Nam. Our church joined with the Methodist Church for the Good Friday service. A building committee has been appointed to start plans for the building of a new church. We have a four acre tract bought and all paid for and hope to start building in a year.

TIGARD, Orville Winters, pastor

Over \$40 was raised at our WMU Bake Sale held at the Tigard Shopping Plaza Saturday April 9. The Union has also been saving coffee lids and BC coupons. We have already acquired a coffee maker, case of coffee, a table cloth, and we now hope to buy tables for the church social hall. The FY attended YFC Saturday evening, April 9 at which time Ethel Waters was guest. Sunday April 10 found overcrowded conditions for our annual Easter program

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

ROSEMERE, Edwin Cammack, pastor

The regular teachers meeting was held April 10, featuring a filmstrip. Easter Sunday was a good day, starting out with a program by someone from each classtaking part. Marie Cammack had charge of the program. Harry Braithwaite was guest speaker for that evening. Work on the new parsonage is coming along well. A contest is on in the SS to help make it hot for the Cammacks by "buying" bricks for the fireplace at 15¢ per brick. The FY had a skating party April 1 at the skating rink in Hazel Dell.

—Eunice Coats, reporting

as chairs were set up in the entry way and many folk had to stand. A Capsule Missionary Conference with the Ralph Chapmans, was held the weekend of April 17, with potluck supper Friday evening and pictures following, Men's Breakfast at the Boulevard Coffee Shop Saturday morning, and missionary services on Sunday.

NEWBERG, Charles S. Ball, pastor

John and Dorothy Sinton, Friends ministers from North Ireland, held meetings in our church and at GFC from April 4 to 10. Many received special blessing in these meetings. The church choir presented the Easter Cantata "No Greater Love" by John W. Peterson, on Sunday evening, April 3, under the direction of Sheldon Louthan. The home concert of the GFC Acappella Choir was held in our church on Sunday evening, March 27. The annual dinner of the Margaret Fell and Julia Person WMU with their husbands was held in the church social hall on March 28. Marie Chapman directed the program of music and missionary highlights. "The Challenge of the Cross" was the play presented by members of the Careers class in Adult Department SS assembly on April 3. A sunrise program and breakfast was held on Easter Sunday morning. The SS Easter program was presented during the SS hour. Charles Ball attended the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission at Wheaton, Illinois, and the annual meeting of the Christian Freedom Foundation in New York City. During his absence the following were speakers at services: Dean Gregory, Arthur Roberts, Herman Macy. The Seminares choir from Western Evangelical Seminary, under the direction of Dennis Hagen, presented a concert, "Songs of the Faith," on Sunday afternoon, April 24. Hubert and Vivian Thornburg were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary by open house at their home on April 24.

—Margaret Weesner, reporting

CHERRY GROVE, William Murphy, pastor

A carload of ladies from Cherry Grove attended the Spring Rally for the WMU at Vancouver First Friends on March 24. Several church families served as hosts to about 20 young people attending the Washington State FY Convention March 25-27 in Vancouver. The children in Pre-school and Primary church put on a lovely program of songs and recitations Palm Sunday evening, under the direction of their leaders, Mrs. Earl Crosse and Mrs. Thomas James, and with Mrs. Eugene Darrow helping. Many people contributed time and effort cleaning,

painting, and in general helping to beautify the church and grounds before Easter. Among those were the Junior Highers of Mr. Gilroy's class. The FY held a car wash on Saturday before Easter, and earned \$17.75 for their FY projects. Special events to commemorate Easter Sunday included a program of songs; a presentation, "The Lord Hath Risen", by our Junior Carolers wearing their new choir robes; the anthem "He is Risen" by the adult choir; and the glad Easter message "Christ is Risen Indeed" by the Pastor. Richard Carter played a piano solo for the evening service.

—Marjorie Rengo, reporting

ROSE VALLEY, George Bales, pastor

Three teacher training sessions were held in March. These sessions greatly aided SS teachers in presenting Christ to their classes. Howard and Bethlin Harmon, Crystal Dorsey, and Alice Blodgett presented the program for one session. The film "Power of the Resurrection" was shown April 3 for evening service. In this 60 minute film, the story of Peter and the Easter story was presented. Children from the beginner, kindergarten, primary, and junior departments presented an Easter program during SS on Easter. The Florene Nordyke WMU is giving a Tupperware party. The proceeds from the party will be used to buy silverware which is badly needed for weddings and other social functions in the church.

—Susan Gotjohn, reporting

FOREST HOME, Roy V. Dunagan, pastor

Roy Dunagan, our pastor, Mrs. Dunagan and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickson conducted an afternoon meeting at Columbia View Manor on the first Sunday of the month. The church observed the "One Great Hour of Sharing," with a generous cash offering. A goodly number of bundles of clothing collected for overseas relief. Special prayer groups met during the period preceding the revival meetings which began March 16 and continued through March 27 with Wayne

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

McKINLEY AVENUE, Robert Fiscus, pastor

We continue to enjoy fellowship with Northeast Tacoma as one Sunday evening service is spent with them each month. A film is shown at these joint services. Seven members of the WMU went to Everett for the annual Spring Rally. May Nordyke, Dorothy Morse, Margeurite Eichenberger, Marie Chapman, Gertrude Ankeny and Dorothy Sinton were our guests with some having a part in the program. The local WMU held a bake sale April 1, at a bank. A week was spent giving the church a thorough cleaning in preparation for the laying of a new carpet in the sanctuary. The carpet was purchased by the Philadelphia class members. Teachers, officers, church committee members and others interested met with Clynton Crisman Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 and 13 to evaluate our SS and church program. Greg Pense was first in the "March to SS in March" contest. He received a 10 transistor radio and Kenneth Peterson and Greg Thompson received

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Piersall and Mrs. Piersall. The services were an encouragement to the members of the church. The sermons carried a positive challenge to more victorious Christian experience and action. The music furnished was inspirational in character and deeply appreciated. Hearts were moved upon by the songs sung by the evangelist. Mrs. Piersall came to assist with the music on March 22 and her work as accompanist made a very gracious contribution. The WMU held a dinner and an auction April 1, at the PUD building which resulted in a good time and a nice profit in proceeds from the auction of used articles donated for the occasion.

—Mrs. W. G. Powell, reporting

VANCOUVER, Fred Newkirk, pastor

The William Penn club dinner meeting was held on March 28 in the fireside room of the church. All present thoroughly enjoyed the speaker, Mrs. Nield, as she spoke about her travels to the Holy Land. March 24 the women of our church were hostesses to approximately 80 ladies for the QM Spring Rally. We enjoyed having both Florene & May Nordyke speak to us. Our WMU Hospitality committee, Donna Baxter, Connie Magee, Evelyn Ellis, & Nancy Person served delicious refreshments. On March 27, Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Smith spoke in the SS hour and the morning worship service. They are wonderfully dedicated missionaries from Viet Nam. April 5-8 was family week at our church. Dr. Gordon Higginson spoke April 5 on "Discipline in the Home," Mr. Winston Miller spoke April 6 on "Teaching Religious Truths," April 7 Reverend Jim Wade spoke on "Building a Happy Home," and Reverend Bob Harlow spoke April 8 on "How Do Parents and Teenagers Communicate to Each Other?" Our choir, under the direction of Dick Person, presented the cantata, "Hallelujah!" What a Saviour" on Sunday evening, April 10. They enjoyed wearing new robes on which seven women spent many hours in assembling and finishing. The service committee has been assembling 48 more Hygienic Kits for World Vision, and they will soon be on their way to Viet Nam.

—Beverly Richey, reporting

Poloroid Land Cameras, model 20. We are now following up on all who attended. We are encouraged with the growing interest some are showing. With God's leading and our following close we are looking forward to much progress in the days to come.

—Dorothy Janson, reporting

HOLLY PARK, Leroy Neifert, pastor

Arthur Roberts of GFC held pre-Easter Services in our church April 6, 7, & 8. His subject was "Modern Man Looks at the Cross." Special prayer meetings are held each Sunday evening at the home of Mattie Stephens one half hour before evening service in the church. Our Easter morning service consisted of a short program of scripture and choir numbers and prayer, closing with the pastor's Easter message. In the evening the young people had charge of the service of special music, scripture, poems, ushering, and announcements.

—M. Ethel Cowgill, reporting

BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

BOISE, Dale Field, pastor

The annual youth banquet was held Friday evening March 25 in the church basement. The theme was "Under the Sea." Phil Rice served as the MC and Reverend Jim Bond, pastor of the College Church of the Nazarene at Nampa, was the speaker. The message was timely and challenging. ¶ Several of the young people attended the Junior High Jamboree held at Greenleaf on Saturday March 26. Recreation, classes, a film and a banquet were held in the evening. ¶ The Greenleaf Academy Choir, under the direction of John Carr, presented an evening of sacred music during our services on April 3. This was most inspirational. ¶ The Boise Valley Evangelical Fellowship held Good Friday services in the Cole Community church. Dr. Elliot Hollister of the Northwest Nazarene College was the speaker. The BVEF also sponsored Easter sunrise services in the Rotunda of the Capitol. Reverend Jim Bond was the speaker. ¶ Easter morning the Primary and Junior departments presented a special program during the SS hour. Our pastor brought us a wonderful message on the Resurrection theme. Sunday evening the choir sang the cantata, "Hallelujah What a Saviour."

—Margaret Peterson, reporting

NAMPA, William Meehan, pastor

Recent meetings with Marvin Root proved a blessing and help to many. Several found spiritual peace and victory through the messages and personal counsel given. ¶ A men's pancake breakfast, ladies tea, and young people's pizza party were held with Mr. Root as guest speaker. Each was well attended with 28 fathers and sons, 28 mothers and daughters, and 22 young people. ¶ The SS council met for a practical and useful workshop on "How to Use and Make Bulletin Boards Live" by Harry Price, Jr. ¶ SS attendance is improving. April average was 122 for the month. ¶ Church improvements include two new cork bulletin boards made by Kent Miner. The wall behind the sanctuary platform has been paneled as a memorial to Theodore Albers from his family. The paneling gives the sanctuary a look of warmth and is much appreciated. Another gift to the church was a pulpit Bible presented by Hazel Wilson. ¶ "Viet Nam Profile" was shown at a Sunday evening service. Over 145 people were challenged to the mission of the church. An offering of \$100 was received to go to Viet Nam thru the services of World Vision. ¶ Unanimous approval of the monthly meeting was given to call Robert and Lela Morrill as pastors. The Morrills will take up their new leadership here in Nampa beginning with the new pastoral year, September 1.

PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

FIRST FRIENDS, Gerald Dillon, pastor

Bible studies have been started in various houses on Wednesday evenings. ¶ Senior Citizens of our church have had several fellowships, the purpose being to share the love and joy of Christ. ¶ Mrs. Milo Ross and Carolyn Campbell were guests in March at an evening service. The subject being

STAR, Willard Kennon, pastor

Following the recent Boise Valley SS convention, our teachers have been having a monthly meeting. Also Teachers' Covenants have been given all teachers. ¶ Campus Life of Idaho sponsored a Lay Institute of Evangelism in Nampa February 28 through March 4. Several attended from our church coming back with a real desire to be better witnesses. ¶ Our church was thrilled to receive a positive answer from Dean and Kathleen Gregory for a two year call to serve as pastors. ¶ The vacant home of Margaret (Wilhite) Hanson was broken into and vandalized by young children in our community. Some of them have been a part of our SS and real concern has been expressed by our church for these. ¶ Our young people have been attending the monthly skating parties sponsored jointly by the two Idaho QM's. ¶ Reverend Walter Lang, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church in Caldwell, held a two night Science Seminar in our church March 24 and 25. He pointed out the importance of Christians' faith in creation. ¶ The Apostle Teen Choir, a group of evangelical teens who have joined to win others to Christ, had charge of our evening service March 27. Dave Wilhite is speaker for the group and Linda Berry is in the choir. ¶ Mary Kennon is scheduled for open heart surgery the first part of June in San Francisco. Pray for her and the family as they face this critical time.

—Mary Couzens, reporting

WHITNEY, Randall Emry, pastor

Our FY won the attendance trophy the third time in a row at January QM. Now it's ours to keep. ¶ The Builders SS class had a chili feed in the church basement recently. ¶ A teacher training course was held recently for all teachers and others interested in taking the course. ¶ Arnold Lee and Robert Rudkin, both high school science teachers, conducted an open forum on the theme "The Christian Answer to Evolution," in a Sunday evening service in February. ¶ In March a public welcome was held for all new members who have come into the church in the last six months. ¶ Plans are underway for VBS which will be held June 13-24. Director will be Mrs. Marjorie James. ¶ An all church potluck dinner was held after morning worship services on April 3. The annual Easter egg hunt was held the Saturday before Easter. ¶ The Crusaders and Builders SS classes had a joint party in the Church basement recently. ¶ The choir presented two special numbers in song Easter morning. Roger Wyatt directed with Marjorie James at the piano.

—Beverly Smith, reporting

"Should Moral Standards Change with the Times?" Charlene Campbell sang. ¶ Roscoe Knight reported on his trip in March. ¶ Many of our people attended and enjoyed the Annual Choir Conference. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Oman Kunkle announced the engagement of their daughter Elaine to Daniel Cammack. ¶ The drama "Claudia" was presented on Palm Sunday under the direction of Marguerite Eichenberger. ¶ The

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annual Easter breakfast was held at the church for all young people junior age through college/career and their teachers. ¶ The Easter choir concert was enjoyed by all. All four choirs participated. Offertory was by Merrill Eichenberger. The choirs were under the direction of Ruth Corbin and Janice Adams with Virginia Smith and Nancy Mills at the piano and Myrna Capp at the organ. ¶ Wilfred Hughes went to Mitchell, Indiana and picked up a beautiful new 28-40 passenger bus for the church.

LYNWOOD, Charles Morgan, pastor

On Sunday, March 20, we were blessed by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith, missionaries for 35 years in Viet Nam. Their message was both thrilling and inspirational. ¶ On Sunday, April 3, we shared evening service with Parkrose Friends as we became deeply involved in the Cascade College production of "Go Down Moses." Our own Jerry and Gerry Sugden participated in the production of this religious drama. It was an evening we shall long remember. ¶ Registrations are now being taken for next year's kindergarten classes. We are planning to increase our staff to four teachers. We feel that this is a wonderful service which we can provide. ¶ Our Easter service was of thoughtfulness and joyfulness. All of the different departments took part to make it a more meaningful time for all. ¶ Our VBS has begun plans for this year. This year's theme is, "God's Word for My Life." Gladys Morgan is our director and Lyn Olson is our assistant director.

SECOND FRIENDS, Lyle Love, pastor

The Peace and Service Committee arranged for the film, "The Street", to be shown in one of our Sunday evening services. This film is one that is produced by the Pacific Garden Mission of Chicago. ¶ Clark Smith was our evangelist and Duane Comfort our song-evangelist during a 10-day Pre-Easter

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

HIGHLAND AVENUE, L. Merle Green, pastor

Jack and Laura Thachsel, veteran missionaries serving under World Gospel Mission, brought the message for Wednesday March 16. ¶ "Talent For God" was the theme for the Sunday evening service March 27. Several members contributed their talent to the service. ¶ The Highland basketball team won the trophy for first place in the YMCA Basketball Church league. ¶ The young people attended the Sunrise Service Easter morning followed by a breakfast at the parsonage. ¶ Paul Mills showed pictures of the Holy Land, Easter evening. ¶ An Adult Bible study class has been started at 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening.

MARION, Edward F. Harmon, pastor

The young married couples of our church held a chili feed in the church annex recently celebrating six of the members birthday anniversaries. ¶ We enjoyed the presentation of the GFC a capella choir March 27. Pastor Kwan Kyu Kim of the Korean Church in Portland presented his little ones in February. ¶ Dorothy Barrett was with us and presented

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Meeting. ¶ The adult choir under the direction of Terrell Repp and the junior choir under the direction to Betty Love, along with several speakers presented the program, "We Have Seen Him," on Easter Sunday. Thirteen members of the Junior Choir enjoyed an Easter egg hunt on the Saturday preceding Easter.

CLACKAMAS PARK, Howard E. Harmon, pastor

The highlight of the past month was the missionary conference which was held March 25-27. Friday evening, March 25, the speaker was Peter Derkson, Missionary to Japan for 10 years, under the Menonite Church. He is currently a student at Western Evangelical Seminary. Earl Perisho spoke and showed pictures on Saturday March 26. Sunday was a full day with Clynton Crisman bringing the morning message and Marjorie Crisman, bringing the special in song. Sunday evening featured Mrs. Laura Smith, missionary to Viet Nam with World-wide Evangelization Crusade for 30 years.

March 30, Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, Adult SS Superintendent at Newberg Friends Church, led the prayer meeting lesson. This was also the monthly teacher's meeting with practically 100% in attendance from our teachers. ¶ Easter Sunday began at 8:00 a. m. with a breakfast at the church served under the direction of Betty Heywood and Ellie Fendall. Several had attended the Sunrise Service held on the Jennings Lodge Assembly Grounds. The SS program was a complete success at 9:45 a. m. with classes following. Sunday evening featured a program of Easter music under the direction of Leta Hockett and the music committee. ¶ Our attendance has been increasing and many new families from the community are now attending. We are much encouraged. ¶ Sunday evening, April 24, Dan Stahlnecker brought the message in the absence of our pastor, who was attending meetings in Denver, Colorado.

—Linnea Stahlnecker, reporting

her concern on Christian Education to the SS officers. ¶ We had special meetings three nights for all of the youth with funspiration, games and refreshments conducted by the Youth Accent from Newberg. Saturday a pizza dinner was held for all Junior High and Seniors, and Sunday they had the SS services. ¶ We all helped Fred and Christine Pletzer celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, March 13. ¶ We enjoyed the Easter program presented by the Primary through the 7th graders, and in the evening a Easter cantata by our youth choir, "The Victorious Christ" directed by Babe Smith and Ray Hopper, Jr. ¶ We were blessed by having the Melody Men Quartet from GFC with us.

—G. E. Willinson, reporting

ASHLAND, Charles Mylander, pastor

Our ladies were hostesses for the WMU Spring Rally on March 17. The theme for the evening was "Great Things He Hath Done." Medford and Talent ladies were our guests with 27 in attendance. Florene Nordyke gave us an excellent view into her life as a missionary. May Nordyke and Erma DeLapp also had parts in the program. ¶ A Missionary Con-

ference was held in our church on Sunday, March 20. Forrest and Orpha Cammack were with us in the morning service and Ralph and Marie Chapman in the evening. Ron Stansell spoke at the FY meeting. ¶ The men of the church are enjoying the fellowship of a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday mornings. ¶ The young people held a successful April Fool's Banquet at North's Chuck Wagon on April 2. Medford young people were their guests. There were over 30 present. ¶ We were all thrilled to see our attendance climb to 94 on Easter Sunday. We are again reminded of the big job we have to do here in Ashland. A good Easter program was presented under the direction of Beverly Kelley and Peggy Reid.

TALENT, A. Clark Smith, pastor

John and Dorothy Sinton were with us for a short series of services. It was their second visit with us and much good was done. We have profited from their ministry. ¶ Ron Stansell opened the Missionary Conference Friday evening March 17. He spoke on Peru and Bolivian fields of the church. The Chapman family informed us of the literature projects Sunday morning, March 19. The church held a fellowship dinner for them following the service. Wayne's solo was much appreciated. ¶ Forrest and Orpha Cammack directed the evening service Sunday evening. They spoke to the FY in their meeting. ¶ Earl Perisho gave us an inside view of the mission work in Alaska April 10 in the evening service. ¶ Our new pews were installed Friday before Easter and were full for the Easter services. We are enjoying them very much. ¶ Carl Swanson has made new bulletin boards and tables for the primary rooms of the SS. Arthur Perisho did a good job on a table for his room. ¶ John Coleman was speaker for the FY Easter service. Breakfast followed at the Weitzel home sponsored by Virginia Weitzel and Sandra Dickinson. ¶ The sessions of Salem QM were well attended by Talent members. The messages by Frank Haskins and Charlotte Macy were both timely and profitable.

MEDFORD, Jack Willcuts, pastor

A newly-initiated bi-weekly luncheon fellowship at a local restaurant has become popular with our church men, and has interested several new men. ¶ A weekend Missionary Convention March 18-20, with the Ralph Chapman and Paul Cammack families and Ron Stansell as guests, accelerated our missionary zeal and provided clearer understanding of the missionary program. ¶ Everyone enjoyed the excellent concert given in our church March 24 by the GFC choir. ¶ Allen Hadley and Lonny Fendall were guest speakers at a SS council meeting and pot luck dinner March 22. ¶ We were happy to have a visit from Clynton and Marjorie Crisman, Rita and Bruce the

GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

CALDWELL, Nathan Pierson, pastor

Ladies of the different organizations of the city band together to assist at the Caldwell Hospital. Our ladies of the WMU with Pearl Eidermiller in charge, took the week beginning April 10 to care for the "Juice cart" to take refreshments to the patients one

weekend of spring vacation. ¶ The Easter season found all departments of the church humming with activity and preparation for the joyous commemoration of our Lord's resurrection. A group of 133 preschool and primary children presented the Palm Sunday program, and several children's Easter parties were held at the church. An Easter play, "The Light of Peace", directed by Harold Antrim and Gladys Lawrence, was given by the young people Easter Sunday Evening. The young people also had an Easter Sunrise breakfast following the city-wide sunrise service. There was attendance of 355, Palm Sunday and 399 at Easter services. ¶ We're proud of Cheryl Lewis, Ann Johnson and Shirley Roberts, who appeared in Crater High School's production of "Sound of Music." Cheryl played the lead. Stuart Willcuts had a role in Medford High's "Oklahoma." ¶ Dale and Carol Cobleigh, who have recently been transferred to Grants Pass, were surprised with a house-warming given by Dr. Wayne Roberts' Ambassadors SS class April 22. ¶ Our pastor attended the annual Evangelical Friends Alliance board meetings and the NAE convention in Denver. In his absence April 24, messages were brought by Harold Antrim and Chuck Mylander.

—Joan Logan, reporting

ROSEDALE, Frank Haskins, pastor

Ten women attended the WMU spring rally at Highland church March 14 with Florene Nordyke speaking and showing pictures of the Missionary work in Peru. ¶ Easter Sunday, 210 attended the church service. The Easter program was presented during SS and was combined with the morning worship service. At the evening service the church choir, directed by Maddy Beck, presented an Easter cantata, "No Greater Love", with a good number attending the service. ¶ Our pastor will be starting a series of studies in the Minor Prophets in our prayer meeting services. We average around 40 in our mid-week services. We thank and praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy to us.

—Reba Russell, reporting

SILVERTON, Charlotte Macy, pastor

The highlight of the day for March 13 was meeting in our lovely new Educational Building. For the first time in several years all SS classes met under the same roof. How we praise God for His goodness to us. ¶ We have just finished a wonderful week of meetings with J. Harley Adams as our evangelist. ¶ Orpha Cammack was with our SS on April 3 and brought an interesting tape message from Ralph Hofstetter who is working down in Colombia for a few months. She also brought a challenging message on giving all of our talents to God and His service.

hour each evening. ¶ Easter services included an exercise and music by Primary Department, Jr. High Department and the adult choir. ¶ In the evening services the Melody Makers, our Jr. Choir brought a number of selections. ¶ Our pastor was one of the speakers at the Union Good Friday services at the First Christian Church in Caldwell. ¶ Plans

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are formulating for VBS beginning June 13 continuing for a ten day period. Bernice Witt of Nampa will conduct the school with the assistance of a number of local helpers. ¶ A spirit of revival and evangelism continued with good services each night of our six-day meetings. John and Dorothy Sinton from Ireland were the evangelists in charge from March 22 through March 27. Roy Knight lead the singing and also brought a number of special musical selections. ¶ Several from our church attended the missionary conference the week of March 6 at the Homedale Friends Church.

—Rosella Moon, reporting

HOMEDALE, Quincy Fodge, pastor

Homedale has experienced some great things in the past month. Our Missionary Conference was a real success and blessing. Laura and Jack Trachsel, and Robert Trenbeath of World Gospel Mission, were with us. Roscoe Knight also spoke. We were also privileged to have two of our own young people—Shirley Mewhinney and Ron Stansell. Shirley told of her Mission call. We are rejoicing with Shirley as

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

HAYDEN LAKE, Wayne Piersal, pastor

February 21 was the starting date of the SS Teacher Training which continued on February 23, 28 and March 2. The persons attending heard talks entitled Aids to Teaching, Importance of VBS, The Challenge to SS Teachers, and Doctrines of Hell, Heaven, and Immortality. ¶ Terry Haskell was the speaker for the Basketball banquet honoring all those who played on the church teams and their fathers. Terry showed pictures of a basketball and football game taken at GFC. ¶ The weather was perfect for our second Youth Accent Weekend. We appreciate Ron Stansell and Kent Thornburg who took time out to give us a spirit and fun-filled weekend. This consisted of a banquet Friday night; classes, swimming, chili feed, and film, Saturday; and a talent time Sunday. They also had charge of all the services. ¶ March 29 through April 3 was a Missionary Conference with the Oriental Missionary Society. A Missionary speaker was at our church each evening; a youth rally, Men for Missions banquet, and a big closing rally at our church for all participating churches made up the conference. ¶ For the Easter evening worship the choir presented an Easter cantata titled "Alleluia", directed by Wayne Piersall. ¶ Thanks to J. D. Baker who gave of his time and talents to finish the church kitchen.

SPOKANE, Clare Willcuts, pastor

March 27 was our last meeting with Reverend Willis E. Keithley, scientist, naturalist, and photographer. He was the evangelist for our revival services, but evidence shows the revival is still going on in our church. A number of people were at the altar for help. Reverend Keithley also had a series of lessons in the morning on the Tabernacle that were a great help to those attending. ¶ The Ladies prayer meeting was started again April 5. We had disbanded because so many of the women were working, but some felt we had lost something in doing this so we have revived them and have already felt a spir-

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she was chosen along with her roommate to be a Youth Ambassador to Guatemala this summer with California Yearly Meeting. She will leave in June as soon as school is out to be a counselor in a girls school. She will return to GFC for her Senior year this fall. Ron showed pictures and told again of his trip to Bolivia last summer. Thank God for these who are dedicated.

ONTARIO, Calvin Wilkins, pastor

A carload from Ontario attended the Junior High FY Jamboree at Greenleaf March 26. The classes, banquet, recreation, and film were enjoyed very much. A week later the local junior high FY met on the church lawn for ping pong, croquet, and refreshments. ¶ Both SS departments are combining for special missionary emphasis during April. So far we have "visited" Peru and Nepal, and we even went back in time on April 10 to be in the Holy Land for the first Easter. ¶ Charlotte Cammack and Elma McCracken attended the workshop for FY sponsors April 14 in Caldwell.

itual lift among the group. ¶ A number of our people attended the Easter Sunrise services at the Shadle Bowl, returning to the church for breakfast put on and served by the FY. ¶ Our Easter program was held during the SS hour, with a good attendance.

—Irene Crosby, reporting.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

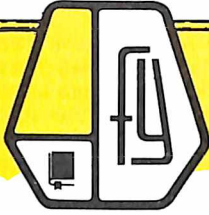
BRIGHT-MERRILL—Robert Bright and Linda Merrill were married at Vancouver First Friends Church on March 27. Fred Newkirk officiated. WINTERS-DAVIS—Jack Winters and Karen Davis were united in marriage on March 12 at the Caldwell Friends Church with Nathan Pierson performing the ceremony.

BIRTHS

YATES—To Jim and Louise Yates, a boy, Randall Allan, born March 30, 1966. SMITH—To Frank and Thelma Smith, a son, Kevin Randall Smith, born April 2, 1966. BIBEY—To Bob and Donna Bibey, a daughter, Shawna Rene, born March 28, 1966. PERISHO—To Stanley and Shirlene Perisho, a daughter, Renae, born April 21. HAWLEY—To Dean and Mary Hawley, a daughter, Dena Marie, born February 8, 1966. NORMAN—To David and Betty Norman, a son, Carl, born March 6, 1966. LYTLE—To Bob and Janette Lytle, a daughter, Nancy Ann, born April 13, 1966.

DEATHS

WESTON—Ella Mae Weston, 89, died March 18. Funeral services was held in the Columbia Funeral Parlor with Charles Morgan officiating.



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FEATURING...

Friends Youth At Meridian

When the Meridian Friends church was born three years ago, a Christian Endeavor was immediately formed. The group consisted of 10 members between the ages of 3 years and 33 years. Their activities have ranged from a dinner to a camping trip. Today they have a full-fledged program with both a Junior and a Senior FY group.

The Meridian Sr. FY group now has an average attendance of nine. Since Ron Jerome, their president, has recently been confined to his bed after surgery, the group met in his home on April 17, for their regular meeting. Twelve were present.

The group spent a Saturday afternoon selling candy, earning a profit of \$20.00. Of this they donated \$15.00 to a fund for sliding doors for Sunday School classrooms in the church.

Before Easter the FY young people helped to plan an all church breakfast which was attended by teenagers from the different churches of Meridian.

Easter morning, the FY group arose "bright" and early to attend the local Sunrise Service in Boise. Their pastors, Dorwin and Marita Smith, and their faithful sponsors, Jack and Kaye Newell assisted them. After the inspiring service they enjoyed a hearty breakfast in a nearby restaurant.

The Meridian Quaker young people have recently started a boys' club which is helping to raise the attendance of the FY group. Currently plans are being made for the birth of a girls' club.

Is your local FY active? Has your group grown in the last six months? Are you, personally, active in your FY? And have you, personally, grown spiritually in the last few months? Your FY needs you. It needs your support through prayer and enthusiasm. Will you give it?

FUN ON HORSEBACK IN THE WILD WEST

(See page 10)

THE SPIDER PROVIDES for us an unique example of the faithless Christian. As the spider walks it leaves behind a thin strand of silk by which it may hang or swing if it jumps or loses its footing. It depends on this silk strand to support it if anything goes wrong.

Devotional Corner

Juanita Roberts

While it may be worthwhile for us as Christians to take a few such precautions with our mortal lives, the silk strands should be excluded from our spiritual lives. Too often Christians hesitate too long to obey God's call and miss an opportunity. Our human instinct is to make sure there is something material to hold us to if God's plan "falls through." Seriously, does it ever? The Lord has asked us to step out on faith. Do we not realize that leaving a silk rope behind us is not putting our complete trust in God? It is not stepping out on faith, and it is not taking God at His word.

"There is a course and a goal for each believer's life, marked out and set by a tender and wise Hand of a loving, heavenly Father." Why do we not trust and obey? Why must we be able to see the outcome before we are willing to act? Why do we depend so much on the tangible, material things? Certainly we realize the insecurity and weakness of a spider web compared to the unchanging, omnipotent will of God.

The Bible says, "So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web." Job 8:13,14. That seems to imply that the Christian without faith is a hypocrite. "But without faith it is impossible to please him." Hebrews 11:6.

Where is your faith today? Is it in the silk rope that hinders you as you drag it along behind? Or is your faith in ". . . him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, . . . the only wise God our Savior. . ."? Are you willing to step out? Willing to accept the seemingly impossible challenge of God's call? I challenge you. Consider the spider.

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