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## SCHOOL for ELDERS

By Arthur O. Roberts

(Continued from last issue)

**T**HE FIRST function of the elder in the local church is to recognize and regulate ministry, that is to see that the gifts which God gives Christians are wisely used. In I Corinthians 12:7 Paul states "In each the Spirit is manifested in one particular way for some useful purpose." Paul was not writing this for preachers only but all Christians.

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Here is the key to local evangelism and church growth: elders are charged with the regulation of the ministry which may flow from every member. In the Colossian letter Paul told the Laodicean Church "Tell Archipus to fulfill the ministry which he received in the Lord."

Obviously our concerns relate to what we call "fulltime ministers," but also to those who have gifts which may not be fully released from temporal necessities. The earliest Quakers found ways to release the public, evangelizing ministry whereas the pastoral ministry remained local and unpaid in the rural setting of the church. Now we pay pastors but have not really found ways to release evangelists who can get to where the pagans are and win them for Christ.

### ABOUT THE COVER

Christmas pageants on the Bolivian-Peruvian Mission Fields are re-enacted with delight and blessing. There the shepherds bring their own props including the sheep! Of course, Christmas comes there in mid-summer so the "wise men from afar" and the "shepherds in the field" don't need to dress as warmly as here. Aymara angels are as authentic as American angels; neither have wings so the awesomeness of this impersonation stirs the Indian children as much as our own. (J.L.W.)

Elton Trueblood has rightly suggested the Quaker position of a specialized and a general ministry. I wonder, though, if we do not have to inquire first what are the total requirements for elders in the modern world and then divide up the tasks in the most practical way. Preaching is needed, so is teaching. So are all of the gifts whereby each of us may make God's grace known to another. Obviously the talent for music is greatly appreciated in the church, but is not also personal witnessing, or the gift of helps? Wouldn't it be unusual if we paid John Doe \$25.00 a month for lunch date evangelism?

The second function of the elder in the local church is to maintain sound doctrine. We know this from our rules of discipline and from the reports of the state of the church gravely collected once a year and sent in. In the confusion of voices and philosophic systems the church once again needs a vigorous Christian apologetic. Elders need to be know-

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## Anyone for Quarterly Meeting?

**O**NE THING ABOUT this job; you are always going to Quarterly Meeting! Not once a quarter, but every week it seems there is a Quarterly Meeting somewhere.

Now, the point of view of some upon reading this far will be, "That poor fellow!" For Quarterly Meetings have become to these a sort of frustrating religious duty. Several of our Quarterly Meetings have been naming perennial committees to "study the Quarterly Meeting" with varying degrees of intensity. Two of these pressed the problem to the floor of the last Yearly Meeting, so we now also have a Yearly Meeting committee studying the Quarterly Meetings. At a recent conference in Chicago of various superintendents and executive secretaries of American yearly meetings, the agenda for next year's conference was being considered. A proposal to consider the challenge of the Quarterly Meeting was instantly rejected, "We have done that so often it's hopeless!" In our area, while there are many positive reactions, the two most negative ones to Quarterly Meeting are either to come with noticeable reluctance or boycott it entirely so often that the sessions are almost forgotten.

Without attempting to come up with all the answers to this situation, I am going to poke around the problem a little. It takes courage to be "for" something like this these days, but some of us are. With clear, ringing, unabashed testimony I am saying that I enjoy Quarterly Meeting! There isn't as much wrong with it as you might think. It is how it is used that counts.

The fellowship and blessings are so thoroughly good that one keeps wishing "more were here to enjoy it too, especially so-and-so, and so-and-so." You know how it is, when something wonderful happens you keep wishing your best friends were around to share it.

Not just the food is first-rate, so are the Friends in fellowship. There is more to be learned at Quarterly Meeting about our mission work and missionaries; about new outposts and church extension; about stewardship; moral action; peace and budget challenges than anywhere. As a matter of fact, without this channel of church news media, Friends are hard put to keep up with these vital facts and challenges. The Quarterly Meeting dropouts have quite a tendency to become ingrown with only local interests. They appear baffled about the Yearly Meeting budgets and total outreach when the news, if it gets through at all, reaches them. The only substitute so far to bridge the Quarterly Meeting attendance gap is the rather desperate barrage of mimeographed information hopefully mailed to pastors and certain committee chairmen. Too often a concern that was warm at Quarterly Meeting is cold in the mail—and sketchy as well.

There are solid evidences that the Quarterly Meeting is a splendid, proven vehicle for evangelism, outreach, Christian training, church growth and service, for inspiration, for encouragement for worship in depth. . . for a lot of other fine purposes. None of these will be discovered by

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# THE FIRST AND SECOND ADVENTS OF JESUS

By Paul M. Mills

**H**EROD WAS troubled and all Jerusalem with him at the birth of Jesus. He was so troubled that he had all male babies, from two years old and under, from Bethlehem and environs put to death. The child was innocent but the mere mention of His birth kindled a fire of evil passion in the heart of Herod. Even today, the mention of His name sets up a moral conflict within many.

Who was this child with birth announced by angels; with a special star to guide men from afar to worship Him? The question of identity is of importance to the Christmas story.

The book of Mark claims to be the Gospel of "The Son of God." Matthew and Luke clearly state that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary and therefore shall be called "The Son of God." Matthew further cites the prophecy of Isaiah that His name shall be called Immanuel which means God with us. The Epistle to the Hebrews contrasts God's messages through the prophets with the finality of His message by His Son who took on himself the seed of Abraham. More than seven centuries before the troubled Jerusalem and weeping Bethlehem the prophet had said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Let those who will, wrest the Scriptures by ingeniously explaining away the Virgin birth, incarnation and genuine deity of Jesus the Christ, but be assured that it is still done to their own destruction.

The purpose of His incarnation is equally important. The angel that explained to Joseph the virgin birth also said, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Identifying

His advent with the fulfillment of the Messianic hope of prophets since the world began, Zacharias declares that He is an horn of salvation and can enable us to serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness. (Luke 1:67-75) Jesus said that He came to call sinners to repentance and to seek and save that which was lost. It is not the principles of Jesus that saves from sin, but Jesus. In Him we have redemption through His blood. (Ephesians 1:5-7) "Come unto me," said He "and I will give you rest."

Jesus also came to reign as king. To Pilate He witnessed this. (Matthew 27:11) Matthew takes care to show us that Jesus is legally heir to David's throne. Isaiah tells us that "The government shall be upon his shoulder. . . of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever" (Isaiah 9:6-7). Now connect with these verses one more in Luke and we have unmistakable identification of Jesus with the promised king of Old Testament Prophecy. "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord shall give unto him the throne of his father David."

But did Herod have any way of knowing that he was dealing with God? I believe that he did. When the wise men enquired, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews?" Herod gathered all the chief priests and scribes demanding of them where Christ should be born. This term Christ is the New Testament (Greek) equivalent of the Old Testament (Hebrew) Messiah which means anointed. The messianic idea is developed in the Bible from Genesis 3:15 through Malachi. God would send His anointed one in the seed of the woman to bruise the serpent's head. But more,

"He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness" (Malachi 3:3).

Why did Herod ask about Christ when he had been asked about a king? From the Old Testament we learn that Aaron was anointed for the high priesthood, Elisha was anointed as a prophet and the kings of Israel were anointed to their offices. These three offices were regarded as awaiting their complete fulfillment in the coming Messiah.

King Herod reveals understanding in all of this when he confidently expects to find answers about the King by asking about the Christ. He slaughtered the innocent children in an attempt to kill God's Messiah. Like all unregenerate men he got directions from 1) the lusts of the flesh, 2) the course of this world and, 3) the Prince of the power of the air. (Ephesians 2:1-3) The spirit of anti-Christ was already in the world. Indeed it has been present since the first announcement of messianic redemption as recorded in Genesis 3:15.

Milton, with thoughts fleeting between the nativity and the final triumph of Jesus Christ, wrote:

And then at last our bliss  
Full and perfect is,  
But now begins; for from this happy day  
The old Dragon under ground,  
In straiter limits bound,  
Not half so far casts his Usurped sway,  
And, wroth to see his kingdom fail,  
Swindges the scaly horror of his folded tail  
He feels from Juda's land  
The dreaded Infant's hand;  
The rays of Bethlehem blind his dusky eyn;  
Nor all the gods beside  
Longer dare abide,  
Not Typhon huge ending in snaky twine:  
Our Babe, to show his Godhead true,  
Can in his swaddling bands control  
The damned crew.

Herod's kingdom was of this world. His alliance was with the world order and the Prince of the power of the air. The least suggestion of intrusion by the Son of God touched off a violent reaction.

But what of these chief priests and scribes? Their familiarity with the Bible doctrine of the Messiah is evident. They did not even need a concordance to find an answer for Herod. They quoted a verse right off the top of their memory. If the subsequent refusal of so many Israelites to recognize and accept Jesus can be attributed to ignorance,

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it certainly was willful ignorance.

A few shepherds heard the announcement of the angels, "Let us go at once and see." Having seen the Christ child they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning Him, "And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds." They wondered but did they investigate? From their Bibles they might well have gotten the idea that the fullness of time was near at hand.

In Daniel 9 we find the prophet meditating upon the fortunes of his people, the Jews. He has been studying earlier prophecies (including Jeremiah 25:11-12 and 29:10) and learned that the captivity in Babylon must last 70 years. Daniel was in his 70th year at Babylon. Would that year see the end of Israel's servitude? Or, should counting begin about eight years. Daniel was in his 70th year at Babylon. Would that year see the end of Israel's servitude? Or, should counting begin about eight years later when Ezekiel and others were carried captive? The destruction of Jerusalem and subjection of the masses of Israel came about 20 years after Daniel was carried away. At which date should the seventy years begin? The prophet gave himself to prayer of confession and intercession. God dispatched the angel Gabriel with an answer. It is contained in verses 22 and 27. Seventy sevens of years (not weeks of days)\* or 490 years are determined upon Daniel's people and their holy city for the accomplishment of things named in verse 24. These years are divided into three sections of 49, 434 and 7 years. The first and second periods or 483 years reach to Messiah the Prince. Now can't you imagine the saints prior to Jesus' birth pondering these figures? Daniel's problem must have pictured their own. The going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem was the time to start counting but should the edict of Cyrus (Ezekiel 1) or the decree of Artaxerxes (Ezekiel 7) or the later commission of Artaxerxes (Nehemiah 1) be accepted. But even with the lack of this detail I suspect that this passage prompted Simeon's "waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25) and supported the revelation of the Holy Spirit that he would live to see the Lord's Christ.

The prophecies were not of private inter-

\*The term means literally "seven." The Hebrews were familiar with its reference to a week of years as well as to a week of days. The context here demands the sevens of years. For an excellent discussion of the whole of the prophecy of the seventy weeks see, Culver, Daniel and the Latter Days, c 9, Revell, Los Angeles, 41, 2173 Colorado Blvd.



pretation. Why should not Jesus rebuke the Jews for failing to discern the signs of the times? We will return to Daniel 9 later. I have heard it said that the Jewish rejection of Christ stemmed from their expecting a literal, earthly kingdom. I believe this analysis is too superficial. How could they not expect such a kingdom if they read and believed the Old Testament? Daniel 2 and 7 picture five successive kingdoms. The first four are ruled by man, the fifth by God. Is there any indication that the four are physical and the fifth spiritual? How could government upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom be understood apart from a physical kingdom?

Further, those who did accept Jesus as Messiah held the same hope. Peter and John wanted to be prime minister and secretary of state. A few minutes before Christ's ascension the disciples asked if it were not time for a coup d'etat to bring the kingdom back to Israel. Jesus rebuked the self-seeking spirit and taught the disciples that the heavenly Father kept the calendar. In the meantime the Holy Spirit would empower them to witness under any government.

Returning to Daniel 9:26 we learn that after the 483 years Messiah shall be cut off. There follows a mention of events which are also after the 483 years and apparently not within the final seven years. This is about the strongest hint that the Old Testament gives us of a first and a second advent of Messiah with an undesignated length of time between.

A study of the New Testament word, "mystery" gives some explanation of this gap in Old Testament prophecy. (See Matthew 13:11, 17, 35; Romans 16:25; Ephesians 3:3-6; 1 Peter 1:10, 11). The disciples were let in on a mystery kept secret since the foundation of the world. Paul says the mystery is now made known to us and is the fact of a Gentile church. Peter points out that prophets of old were puzzled by the hiatus in their own works. It may be reasonable speculation to suggest that if Israel had faced the sin problem, heeded the invitation to repentance and gotten on with their call to be a kingdom of priests there would have been no need for an age of the Gentile church.

As it is the church is called upon to evangelize the world. She is promised that this same Jesus will return again in like manner as He was seen to go away. (Acts 1:9-11) No number of years for His absence is given but we are instructed in some of the signs of the times and exhorted to watch for His return. Jesus said that this Gospel must be preached

to all the world as a witness to all nations then shall the end come. He must have meant that the faithfulness of the church to her call has something to do with the timing.

We are told that His coming will be preceded by a falling away. Because iniquity abounds, the love of many shall wax cold. As it was in the days of Noah and Lot, with materialism the order of the day, so shall it be when He comes. But just as His first advent found some who were watching and ready, so we do not have to be a part of the trend to apostasy.

The exceeding sinfulness of sin and the centrality of the redemptive Messiah are as easily pushed into the shadows of Christian thinking as among the Jews 2000 years ago. "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine."

Peter in his second epistle informs us that in the last days there will be those who scoff at the promise of Christ coming again. They are willingly ignorant that the earth and heavens were created by divine fiat and that the uniformity of nature was interrupted by divine judgment in the flood. Thus they try to rid their minds of any thought of the Lord coming again in judgment. Jesus said, "When the Son of man comes will he find faith on the earth?"

"The coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8). This is the pole star of the church. Centuries have passed since the nativity in David's city. Jerusalem is still troubled and all the world with it. David's throne suffers. The heathen rage against the Lord and his anointed. But the prophet said that the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed. (Daniel 2) The Scripture cannot be broken. In this confidence the final book of the Bible speaks out of the darkness of the great tribulation pre-voicing the words of victory,

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. Even so come Lord Jesus.

## OYM 75th Anniversary Year

Wanted: Mementos, pictures, handbills, local minutes, or any items of interest that will help us plan our observance next August. Send to Jack L. Willcuts, Box 190 Newberg, Oregon 97132. Items will be carefully preserved.

# The Problem of Personnel

By Orville Winters  
Pastor of the Tigard Friends Church

THE LORD IS the personnel manager of the local church. Wherever there is an essential job to be done, God has a person to perform that job. If we accept this truth, we can divert all the energy and time lamenting our lack of workers in the local church into creative ministries. The scriptures do not allow us the luxury of placing responsibility of our failure on the lack of workers in the church. God knows who ought to be where and has matched gifts to every environment. There is no point in worrying about where people go to church. In the first place it seldom does any good! And more importantly, it's God's job to place the workers.

The Amplified New Testament quotes Paul as saying (Romans 12:3) ". . . I warn every one among you not to estimate and think of himself more highly than he ought. . . but to rate his ability with sober judgment." Such advice is not to be taken lightly, for it speaks to the heart of our problem of personnel. It is not conceit to admit your gift; neither is it piety to deny your gift. Some of our attempts at humility are not only disgusting but also provide a convenient excuse for our noninvolvement. Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves accurately—and that's enough to keep most of us humble. Much of the problem of personnel could be solved if we Christians had the courage to admit our gifts.

The church at Rome was told that, as members of the church, we are "mutually dependent on one another." This hints, at least, that some of the prominent parts are often the least important parts functionally. There has yet to be a successful pastor who did not have a successful church behind him. It is the pastor's job to see that his people have the privilege of exercising their gifts. No matter how dynamic the pastor may be, the church cannot function properly until all members are using their gifts. It would be little short of tragic if the clerk of our meeting insisted on singing the solo part for the morning anthem. But I have watched with delight and admiration his ability to conduct the business affairs of the church. God has given

him a gift for business and under the Spirit's leading, he brings his business ability to bear on the affairs of the church.

Every person has a gift or gifts. Paul snaps us out of our comfortableness when he says "having gifts (facilities, talents, qualities) that differ. . . let us use them. . .". Discovering gifts comes by experimentation. Many potential workers have dropped out of the race because they were not successful at the first thing they tried. Instead of having the courage to say "I failed," they succumbed to the temptation to say "I am a failure," thus protecting themselves from the necessity of attempting some service to God and the possibility of another failure. Edison, after failing to produce the electric light bulb the one thousandth time said, "We know one thousand things that won't work!" Something of this same experimentation can help us discover our gifts. Many a teacher has been saved for the Sunday School by moving from the high school class to the primary class. To fail in one area ought to suggest that there are other areas where we might succeed.

The church begins to work in harmony when it discovers that diverse temperaments are put together, not to exterminate each other, but to modify each other. The music director may have high standards for the church music; some may like gospel jazz. They modify each other. Some are progressive in their attitudes; others conservative. They modify each other. Some of us are highly optimistic; others pride themselves on their realism. We modify each other.

Each person must find out what God's gift to him is and then stick to it. Don't try to do everything. In the first place, it isn't wise. More importantly, it deprives another of the privilege of exercising his gift. Supplying leadership is quite different from spearheading everything. I often sense guilt feelings when somebody at a Sunday School convention says, "The pastor is the key to the Sunday School." It just so happens that Sunday School work isn't my gift, and I become frustrated when I act as though I had such a gift. God knows this is not my gift and consequently He

has given us people who are much more gifted in the field of Christian education than I, and they run the show in that department. My relationship to them is to pray with them and help them to fully develop their gift. If a Sunday School superintendent advises me that we have a personnel problem in the Sunday School, it is my job to pray with them that God will match the job and the gift, for He is the personnel manager of the church. Accent your gift and God will supply people with the other gifts to help you do what remains undone.

It is the church's job to get the gift and the job together. This takes work and insight. A perceptive church does not ask for volunteers—even for visitation! Suppose a man simply announced his desire for a bride and asked for a volunteer. You know what kind of spinster would be the first to volunteer! Begging people, collaring them, shaming them by talk of duty is not God's way of getting His work done.

When people with gifts for a certain task cannot be found, the church ought to seriously consider whether or not this job should be done. It has been suggested that if the church took this seriously, there might be some restructuring of our total program. This is one of the risks of doing God's work God's way. Every church ought to have a priority list. There will always be workers enough to perform the essential tasks of advance. An apparent shortage of workers may prompt us to evaluate whether or not our priorities are correct.

Where God brings people together, He sees to it that there are people in that group with gifts necessary to do the job that He has in mind for that group. This presupposes that that group knows what its job is. When I discovered that an interest in Sunday School did not constitute a gift in Christian education, and I gave up trying to pose as a Sunday School leader, God sent us a person with a gift. In a few weeks she had us working together efficiently; something we had not been able to do in five years. God's answer to any situation is a person with a gift. Wherever there is a need, there is a person. Jesus didn't just have Bolivia in mind when He said, "Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. . .". He is giving us the answer to our personnel problem in the local church. By prayer, we either discover someone already in the congregation with the right gift, or God will send someone in who possesses the necessary gift. ●

## The Work of a D.C.E.

... a forum of full time Directors of Christian Education in Oregon Yearly Meeting: Dorothy Barratt, Silverton; Harold Antrim, Medford; Lloyd Melhorn, Oak Park and Vancouver; Allen Hadley, Portland First Friends; and Lonny Fendall, Newberg.



Harold Antrim



Lonny Fendall



Allen Hadley

### "... wears many hats."

SINCE FEW of our Friends Churches have full time Directors of Christian Education the question is often asked, "What do you do?" "What does your work involve?" This is difficult to answer in a simple statement because the D. C. E. wears many hats and is involved in a wide variety of activities and responsibilities.

If you could take a peek at a D. C. E.'s memo for the week you might see something like this:

- Review absentee follow-up program.
- Meet with FY sponsors for prayer and planning.
- Prepare "Staff Stuff" (newspaper for C. Ed. Staff)
- Speak at Pumpkin Hollow Worker's Conference - Tues. p. m.
- Continue revision of C. Ed. Handbook.
- Meet with church missionary chairman to continue work on Mission Standards for the Sunday School.

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- Discuss S. S. material with Primary teachers.
- Write article for Northwest Friend.
- Write to Mrs. B. about speaking at the Dec. Worker's Conference.
- Get large record player fixed.
- Do some research on Adult Electives.
- Participate in visitation program.
- Look over prospect cards.
- Prepare agenda for Yearly Meeting S. S. Com.

These and many more details might fill the week of a D. C. E.

The Director's first responsibility is the administration of the total Christian Education program of the church according to the policies of the local Christian Education Committee.

He is also the supervisor of all the teaching agencies of the church including the Sunday School, Children's Church, Friends Youth, Clubs etc.. This means that he is often involved in the training of leaders either in formal teacher training classes, sponsor workshops or in personal counseling and small group discussions.

The D. C. E. becomes the resource person for Christian Education in the local church and he endeavors to provide materials, ideas and inspiration for workers in the various departments of the church. In order to meet the needs of the staff he must give considerable time to study and research related to all areas of the Christian Education field.

Another major consideration for the Director is that of evaluation. He is constantly evaluating records, materials, programs and trends in order that he might give counsel and constructive suggestions to the leaders of various departments.

In our Yearly Meeting the work of the Director of Christian Education varies considerably depending upon the size, leadership and desires of the local church. But no matter how you look at it the job of a D. C. E. is a most challenging one and demands the utmost of preparation and dedication.

—Dorothy Barratt

### "... variety and venture..."

"The best way to stay young is to work with young people—the best way to grow old is to try to keep up with them."

This bit of observation can well fit into the subject of the work of a Youth Director.

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No article can completely cover the entire scope of his work, except to list such work in generalities or past-experience specifics—which may not fit in or fully prepare for a particular ministry to youth.

In general, a Youth Director is responsible for the entire youth program of a church. He is an Administrative Head of youth activities and ministries, having direct responsibilities in some areas and coordinating and supervising work of other committees and activities that are related to the complete youth program. He works closely with the pastor in integrating a Youth Program with the overall spiritual life of the church.

Specifically, a Youth Director's work could include any number of a thousand things such as . . .

- . . . playing football with Junior boys,
- . . . spending a Saturday hiking in a primitive area with a Jr. High boy,
- . . . talking to a High School fellow about personal matters,
- . . . visiting with a parent,
- . . . teaching a class at summer camp,
- . . . training Adult leaders of youth,
- . . . developing a curriculum,
- . . . introducing a teenager to Jesus Christ,
- . . . heading a city-wide youth evangelistic effort, etc. etc. .

The work of a Youth Director is filled with variety and venture, fun and frustration, veto and victory, hopes, heartaches and headaches. It is never boring and has constant blessings and rewards.

—Harold Antrim

### "Instructs, encourages, inspires. . ."

What the Minister of Education does can be answered with seven points.

1. Gives administrative leadership to the total educational program of the church.
2. Instructs, encourages, inspires and leads the membership in all phases of work that constitutes the educational program of the church and interprets the educational objectives and programs to the church.
3. Leads in developing educational aims and policies with the Christian Education Committee of the church.
4. Guides in planning a definite educational program, present and long-range, which will realize the aims and objectives set forth by the Christian Education Committee.
5. Recommends to the Christian Education Committee an organizational structure



for co-ordinating and unifying the many educational channels within the church into one integrated program of Christian education.

6. Carries major supervisory responsibility for the educational program and devotes time to the development of the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Friends Youth and weekday activities. This means counseling with superintendents, group leaders, teachers, officers and organizations, evaluating their work and offering suggestions for improvement.

7. Promotes participation in inter-denominational Christian Education activities that are in accord with policies of the church.

—Lloyd Melhorn

## "... a little dreaming"

"What did you do today, Daddy?" is a question my daughter frequently asks. And I as often reply, "I talked on the phone."

"What about, Daddy?"

"A Friends Youth sponsor was anxious about transportation for an up-coming social and was also concerned about how to more effectively involve some of the kids in the Friends Youth program.

"Putting the Sunday School staff together requires a lot of phoning.

"Had to make arrangements for the annual teachers' banquet.

"An anxious mother wanted to know all about camp. Her boy was going for the first time."

"What else did you do, Daddy?"

"I did a little dreaming."

"They pay you to dream?"

"Probably they don't all know it—but they do."

"What do you dream about?"

"Oh, such things as how can we use our summer youth ambassador to the best advantage? What can be done to stimulate interest in our adult education program? How can we entice a greater number of Juniors into our Junior department? What would be a better way to approach the problem of teacher training? How can we institute a meaningful program of evaluation in our education program? How could we use our buildings to a better advantage? What could be done to more effectively conserve the spiritual gains made by our youth at summer camp and Mid-Winter?"

"Do you like to dream?"

"Henrietta Mears once said 'Dreaming is fine if you don't sleep too long!'"

"Is it scriptural to dream?"

"Sure it is. Don't you remember the verse in Acts 2 which says '... your young men

shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. '?"

"Are you an old man, Daddy?"

—Allen Hadley

## "... more maintenance than construction"

The initials "D. C. E." were a mystery to many of our people when I began my work at Newberg, but the bulletin had no room for spelling it out. Some wondered what my position was—Deeply Confused Executive, perhaps? After a year on the job the people of our church and I as well have begun to understand what my work involves.

Everytime I attend the meetings of Directors of Christian Education in the Portland area I realize how little of this challenging work I have actually been able to do so far. Of course, the larger the church the more actual Christian Education work the Director is able to do. In some cases men with vision and ability get stuck with secretarial work, janitoring, and other tasks. There is a great deal more that can be done in Christian Education than most of us realize.

One of the temptations for a full-time man, especially a neophyte, is to spend his time creating new and flashy programs. This activity, perhaps subconsciously aimed at justifying his being hired for the job, needs to be balanced by his efforts to make the existing programs more effective and efficient. Speaking concretely, his work should involve more maintenance than construction.

I find much of my attention being devoted to securing workers, training and orienting them, and guiding them in their assigned tasks. This goes on throughout the year. It may be done directly, or through a committee or chairman. Keeping committee chairmen, superintendents, teachers, assistant teachers, sponsors, directors and all sorts of helpers for Sunday School, Friends Youth, clubs, childrens church, and Vacation Bible School working on their own jobs and working with one another as a team is no small assignment in a church of our size.

Occasionally one's time is consumed by tasks not directly related to Christian Education or the home church. A certain amount of this is inevitable, but soon one can find he is working for everyone but those paying his salary. Conscientious and prayerful planning can guide one in serving the church well and making its teaching program effective.

—Lonny Fendall

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## INTRODUCING THE FACULTY OF GREENLEAF FRIENDS ACADEMY



John Johnson  
David Clark  
Edwin Hanson  
Norman Winters  
Calvin Wilkins

New teachers at the Greenleaf Friends Academy this year are Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Dave Clark, and Edwin Hanson.

John Johnson has taught four years and spent last year at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, on a science grant. He received his master's degree in science at close of the summer term. Mrs. Johnson will teach Home Ec.

David Clark is a George Fox College graduate and will be engaged in the new junior-high department. His wife, Loraine, is employed in the Wilder school district.

Edwin Hanson has taught in the Meridian school system several years. He and his wife, Cora, plan to continue living in Boise.

Faculty members remaining with the school include Norman Winters as principal, Esther Hardinger, Anna Mills, Mark Roberts, and John Ehrlich.

Calvin Wilkins is bookkeeper and bus driver. Veva Smith and Phyllis Roberts are continuing as cooks. Guy Delamarter is custodian.

The Academy enrollment is 82 thus far, with 28 in the junior-high department.

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Landscaping around the Academy grounds was "sweated out" just before yearly meeting by Leon Williams and Norman Winters. The plants and materials were financed by the Clara Macy memorial fund.

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## WMU:

### Our Outpost Family

By Delores Choate, Home Projects Chairman

THE BABY cried all morning, the older children were late to school. The phone rang every little bit, a quart of milk broke all over the clean kitchen floor. It was "one of those mornings" in an outpost parsonage in Oregon Yearly Meeting.

As the Pastor's wife worked she thought, "there is so much to do before the holidays begin. The church program is coming along fine—IF we can find someone to play the piano. The Lord will have to take care of that detail one way or another. The rest of those costumes must be finished. When?"

"What in the world was it?" she wondered. "Who was it from? A letter is with it. What is the return address? 'Our WMU, Anytown, Oregon'." She opened it quickly.

It began. . . "You are our Outpost family for this year. We want to help make your holidays a little brighter. We want you to know that we are remembering you in prayer at every one of our WMU meetings and each member is asked to pray each day in their own homes. If you have any special items you want us to pray about please write and tell us. . ."

The letter went on, but her eyes were too misty to read any more.

God did care that they were stuck off by themselves and He knew she needed this reassurance on this particular day. The ladies were so thoughtful even though they were each so busy with their own families and helping their own churches and pastors. If only they knew how much their help was appreciated and especially how much their prayers were needed and appreciated.

The extra support money that came in regularly every month, all the WMU Meetings in the Yearly Meeting helped supply that. If only there were some way of telling each and everyone of them "Thank you"!

Thank you—for all the prayers, the gifts, the money, the help that came when help was needed so desperately, the letters of encouragement and for the visits from those passing through. Thank you—for Home Missions in WMU.

It would be another good year. The Lord would care for them in every little detail, especially with the WMUs helping Him!





By Everett Clarkson

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**O**URS IS THE age of speed. The arduous trek made by our grandparents across the United States by ox-drawn wagon is now a matter of comfortable hours by jet airliner. The long voyage across the ocean by the "speedy" Clipper ships is also reduced to a mere few hours. The airplane has revolutionized the whole world's method of travel. Even the missionary has taken advantage of this new and wonderful type of travel—journeys into the jungle by airplane leaves the missionary fresh and eager for the task that lies ahead as he labors to reach these tribes that are without Christ.

The airplane is a great and marvelous machine, but it is quite handicapped without a small apparatus that it must carry in order to facilitate its flight. This modern electronic miracle—Short Wave Radio—is not only for the airplane. It is now available to the general public at reasonable cost. This is a device that has been greatly improved in the last few years and the modern-day missionary has availed himself of it.

Friends missionaries in Bolivia and Peru find that radio communications fill many needs. Located in somewhat out-of-the-way Juli, at some distance from friends and family in the States, we marvel at the ability of short-wave radio to carry our voices as personal conversation is made possible to Oregon Yearly Meeting and other points. It is a great blessing and inspiration to speak with loved ones and friends almost as easily as over the

telephone, at the speed of light or 7 times around the world in one second.

Located many miles from other missionaries, short-wave radio provides regular contact with several, including our own in LaPaz. Regular schedules are kept with David Thomas, which saves time and energy when it is necessary to conduct mission business between the two fields. Being so far away from the city centers, we are able to make some limited orders for repairs, etc.

Just recently, it was necessary to incorporate the activities of Isla Anapia, which has been a part of the Bolivian work, with the Peruvian field. As a result, the whole procedure has been facilitated by the use of RADIO. Therefore, the final negotiations will not be too time consuming, for most of the preliminaries have been cared for previously with LaPaz.

Our last term on the field we were introduced to the value of radio as the Bolivian Friends Mission stations had their set for communications and contact with one another. When it became known that Amateur Radio was a possibility for International communication, we went on furlough with the aim of doing all possible to know more of radio and get a permit to operate.

The Board of Missions entered wholeheartedly into this idea and as a result, the Women's Missionary Union and George Fox College students made available funds to purchase equipment for this purpose. While

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home, I assembled the transmitter and receiver with the help of Bill Vorisek of Newberg, who also built the Amplifier (located to the right of the picture). This gives us 600 watts of DC input power.

Upon returning to the field, I was able to get an Operator's Permit in Bolivia and then in Peru by virtue of the Reciprocity Agreement between the two countries for the operation of Amateur Radio. David Thomas is my "Second Operator" in Bolivia. He is licensed in this respect, using my call letters.

Recently, a used Hy-Gain Tri-Band Antenna was purchased that enables us to make use of the full power output of the equipment. We are not the highest Amateur Radio Station in the world, but there are very few that are higher—12,600 feet above sea level with the antenna 46' above the ground beamed right over the edge of Lake Titicaca with no hills or mountains to block the way.

At present we operate at 14.300-14.320 Mgs. Sunday and Wednesday at 0200 GMT.



It is our desire to set up regular schedules with the Mission Board in Newberg, but at present, the wave propagation has been very poor due to recent sun spot activity. It is hoped that this will not be a barrier for long.

Short-wave Radio is not all that is desired due to the atmospheric conditions, but it is a comfort to know that it is possible to make a telephone call to our parents at the same price as anywhere in the United States! We want to thank all who made it possible for the missionaries to have this equipment.

In case of emergency, we do not have to wait now for several days or weeks for communication to be made.

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## MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHIES

### Alda Clarkson

By Carolann Palmer

**F**ROM WELLSFORD and Haviland, Kansas and Juli, Peru, we present this month, Alda Clarkson.

Alda is serving with her husband, Everett, and three children, Cindy, Greg, and Doug, as missionary to the Aymara Indians in Peru, under Oregon Yearly Meeting. Her duties include: teaching school to her children nine months of the year; serving as mission treasurer; directing classes for the women; visiting the churches and giving accordion lessons. She says that she likes chocolate chiffon pie best, and least likes to hear a ham radio set screeching in the middle of the night.

Her favorite Scripture verse is Joshua 1:9, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." This verse was given to her after answering God's call to go to the mission field.

Alda, daughter of Anfred and Pearl John-

son, spent her early years in and near Wellsford, Kansas, and attended Friends Bible Academy and College. It was while attending Friends Bible College that she met and later married Everett Clarkson.

Concerning her conversion and missionary call, Alda states: "I was born and raised in a Christian home, but realized when a junior in high school that I needed to fully dedicate my life to the Lord. It was during a chapel service at Haviland when Rachel Chilson spoke that God spoke to me. I thank the Lord for our Christian schools and colleges and for those who have been faithful to their call and made it appealing to others."

She requests prayer that she, by God's grace, would be the missionary He would have her be.

Have you prayed for the Clarksons today? Do it now! As we are faithful here at home, the Lord will continue to bless our missionaries and national leaders on the field. ●



## THE WORLD CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

By John J. Trachsel

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE in a few paragraphs to express all the World Congress on Evangelism has meant to me. To "rub up against" delegates from Africa, India, Central and South America, to see their love of Christ and zeal for service was inspiring. When we saw Kimo and Komi, Auca Christians, on the platform witnessing to their faith we could not but say, "What God hath wrought!" Being missionaries we felt led to pray for these primitive, stone age Christians, that all this publicity and popularity may not spoil Komi and Kimo.

Let me list a few of my impressions:

1. The Gospel is an unchanging, up-to-date message but methods may be varied to meet present day needs. Whatever the method, a forthright, authoritative declaration of the "Good News" is most effective for salvation and for meeting the social need of man.

2. There is no substitute for the Holy Spirit. In all evangelism He is the worker and we are His instruments. The need for the Holy Spirit in this service was an oft-repeated theme of all speakers. "When He is come He will convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment."

3. Our vision of a dying world has been enlarged as delegates from all areas of the world drew back the curtain and gave us a peep at the unmet needs of their corner of the Lord's harvest.

4. The immensity and increase of our evangelistic task was dramatically portrayed

Kimo and Komi, Auca Christians, shown here with Rachel Saint, testified at the World Congress on Evangelism. Everett Cattell, one of the six Friends delegates, is shown about to take their picture.

for us by a Population Clock set up in the Congress Hall lobby. Each time we passed into the building the clock with its "Click, click" and its counter assailed ear and eye, emphasizing the enormity of our growing task. During the ten days we were sitting in the Congress on Evangelism the total number added to the world's population was 1,764,216.

5. This population explosion makes even more apparent the need of total mobilization for the work of evangelizing the world. Without the full co-operation of all Christians of all colors, countries, and convictions little will be accomplished. Every Christian is needed in the global warfare for souls.

6. If Christians are to work they should be trained—not as pastors or evangelists, but as layworkers. Our strategy should be—children to reach children, teens to reach teens, students to reach students, athletes to reach athletes, businessmen to reach businessmen, housewives to reach housewives, and farmers to reach farmers.

One delightful feature of the congress for me was the fellowship with other Friends delegates. Dr. T. Eugene Coffin of Richmond, Indiana was very active in the Congress. It was at his initiative that a joint statement was made for us Friends delegates. Dr. Harold Kuhn and Dr. Everett Cattell contributed helpful and much appreciated papers. Howard Moore was one of the representatives from Taiwan while Robert Hess represented India.

It is my conviction that I shall never be the

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same again after this Congress. The soul-stirring reports and heart-warming messages will not be forgotten. It has been like attending a massive 10-day missionary convention of world-wide interest and challenge. These words from the Congress theme song are my prayer; "Lord Jesus Christ revive Thy church in this her crucial hour."

### A Statement from Friends Delegates to World Congress

To Friends Everywhere:

The World Congress on Evangelism held in Berlin, Germany, October 25 to November 5, 1966, has been characterized by a clear presentation of the message of the Gospel, a fellowship of Christians from over one hundred countries of the world, a deep search for ways and attitudes with which to speak God's Word to this twentieth century with urgency, and the call to a total mobilization of Christians to evangelize the world.

Congress delegates and observers were welcomed to the city by retiring Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin-Brandenburg, and addressed on the closing day by Bishop-elect Kurt Scharf.

We Friends, in attendance, noted with gratitude the emphasis given throughout the congress to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the lives of individual Christians as well as in the life of the group; the emphasis given to the timeless Gospel which is relevant to every generation; the importance of the total Gospel for the total needs of man; and evangelism that is spontaneous and which does not need to be contrived or subjected to superficial schemes.

The major address, the position papers, the "Window on the World" reports, and the Bible Study messages produced the cumulative blessing of daily inspiration, up-to-date information, and timely convicting power for our sins of negligence, pride and apathy.

It was said by a British reporter to a London newspaper that this has been one of the most ecumenical gatherings in all of history. Christians from younger Churches in Africa have felt free to participate in prayer in open periods of worship, along with their Asian, European and American brothers. The Auca Indian Christians from Ecuador who still live in a stone-age existence came with Rachel Saint to add their testimony to the power of God unto Salvation. Their witness to the

effect that they no longer use the word "enemy" since becoming Christian was a reminder to us of the spiritual basic of the peace testimony.

An open mindedness toward one another, of whatever Christian "camp" or "category" has characterized the fellowship. Differences were frankly acknowledged, but they did not hinder conversation, Roman Catholics and at least one Rabbi have been present as observers.

We are humbly thankful that two Friends, Harold Kuhn and Everett Cattell, were asked to present papers which made a distinct contribution to the Congress.

A dramatic presentation by young people, given on one evening, titled "The Why Generation," underscored for all some of the penetrating questions being asked in the world. The race question, the problems of urbanization, the technological revolution, the population explosion, the social concerns were all closely allied to the Lord's commission to "Make Disciples of all nations." Special concerns were expressed in prayer for East Germany which surrounds Berlin and for China which burdens the hearts of all.

We feel constrained by the Love of Christ to call all Friends to consider anew our responsibility as Christians to participate in evangelizing the world, giving urgency to participate in evangelizing the world, giving urgency to presenting the total Gospel so that the total life of man is penetrated with redeeming and reconciling power. To this end we call Friends to repentance and humbly invite all to confess the sins of pride, indifference and self-complacency.

We would urge Friends everywhere to use with skill and concern every modern means of communication to spread the Good News, and to embody the Gospel in our relationships with men.

We who have attended cannot return the same as we came. Neither do we want to return empty, but filled in a new measure with the Spirit of God. May there be a rebirth of the same as we came. Neither do we want to return empty, but filled in a new measure with the Spirit of God. May there be a rebirth of the Society of Friends in the last one-third of the twentieth century. ●

T. Eugene Coffin  
Everett Cattell  
Robert Hess  
Harold Kuhn  
John Trachsel  
Howard Moore



## ELDERS *continued*

ledgeable and articulate in handling doctrinal matters. Theology is not just for preachers or professors.

The third function of the elder is to settle church differences. Paul admonished the Philippian Church to help two ladies, Euodias and Syntyche, to settle their differences. Love and truth vie always, and differences upset the balance. Elders are to reconcile them.

A fourth function of the elder is discipline. Discipline denotes more than correction of offenders. It is true, as Paul wrote, that those who were overtaken in a fault should be restored by those who are the spiritual leaders. Too often we wait until the fault has hardened into spiritual decline or a back-slidden condition. This is a touchy issue. Some pastors fear their elders will do more harm than good. Discernment is called for which catches the fault early so that a spiritual guidance takes place before hostilities and antagonisms develop. "Back door revivals" indict ineffective eldering.

It is true some family problems need professional counsel and some persons need professional treatment. But most do not.

And as I read through the New Testament it occurred to me the mental picture I had of the elders engaged in discipline was a committee gathering to discuss someone's faults. This is not so. The elders are to function, but not just as a committee! If we take our appointments seriously we claim the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit whether we act singly or two by two or as a group. Some of our best discipline may consist in a private talk with one person expressing the nature of our love and concern.

A fifth function of the elders is to pray for the sick. Sickness and health are such a complex of physical and spiritual needs that of course we should pray for the sick, neglecting neither the gifts of healing given to the physicians nor the power of prayer.

A sixth function of the elders is to see that people have honorable work. This appears to us in the letter to Titus. I wonder if we have given adequate concern to this matter. I am sure education under the Godly concern of Christian people has marked an eldering function of the church. A string of academies and colleges marks the Quaker sensitivity. As a college teacher I am sensitive to the influence of significant work to one's spiritual

life. We need to extend this concern to areas of vocational training and non-institutional efforts.

The seventh function of the elders is to bear burdens. To bear burdens of another is not to do his work for him or take away from him the struggle, but to bear the weight of discouragement and fatigue and anxiety. I know this works. It is amazing what can happen by simply bearing the burdens of another. He is strengthened for his time of testing and encouraged by the love which is shown to him. Our communities have been so shattered that people need to know of others who care for them.

It is the hope of the religion faculty of George Fox College that the School for Elders may be a significant event in the life of many people during the present year. ●

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people with dragging feet, expecting the worst, or those rushing in for "their time" and rushing out.

None of us are blind to the possible hazards of poor planning, slap-dash programs, or expendable periods of insignificant business. Unnecessary poor performances and organization mar any good thing, even a wedding. But they can be beautiful!

There just may not be as much the matter with Quarterly Meeting as there is with us. New formats, new approaches, new methods and new ways are always welcomed, but what is really needed first is a new expectancy, a new preparedness of heart, a new sense of sacrifice and loyalty to God through His Church. The real question is not how to replace the Quarterly Meeting but how to become Friends whom God can really use and bless. ●

—J. L. W.

## GFC December Dates

- 1-3 NAIA Tip-off Tournament, basketball.
- 2-3 Semi-annual meeting of Board of Trustees.
- 8 Band concert.
- 9 Christmas formal.
- 10 High school volleyball tournament.
- 11 Oratorio choir concert.
- 16 Fall term ends. Basketball with Alaska Methodist University.



## Manor Meditations

### WAIT PATIENTLY

**T**HERE ARE times to act, times to wait, and it takes self discipline to learn to wait patiently.

I know a gardener who left his dahlia tubers in the ground over the winter. The following spring there was no evidence that they had survived, so he dug down to see if they were ever going to sprout. They were and with just a little more patient waiting would have shown themselves.

People wait for trains, planes and busses, a very few patiently, and all the others with tension and impatience.

One of our residents waiting patiently in a bus depot, engaged in conversation with another woman. Friends-view Manor was mentioned several times and the woman said "you must like living in the Manor. I notice your face lights up each time you mention it."

Psalm 31:24 reads: "Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord."

Another word of encouragement is given by Isaiah (40:31) "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength."

And again David (Psalm 37:7) "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him." ●

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with disgust. They feel a deep gnawing for God. The finding of a friend who will share an objective study of God's word and his own experience with our Lord Jesus Christ is like discovering a potential oil well in the back yard. Many rejoice in the new wealth. Others scratch their heads over the new problems caused, and decide to ignore it.

### PRICE OF PREPARATION

Teamwork is the key to success. Pastors, the secretary, lay leaders, hosts and hostesses must all cooperate with the Holy Spirit to insure success. No preparation replaces prayer, holy living, and obedience to our Lord's command to proclaim the good news of Christ and teach all He has taught us. Yet we must build on these foundations the bridges to most effectively reach into the lives of others.

Pastors, you are leaders of the team. Prayerfully select the right leaders and carefully organize proper groups. This may require diligent reading and study of materials and books on small groups and home Bible studies. As a resource person, you will want to have some personal experience with a home Bible study. Careful study of the assigned scripture passages will expedite the answering of tough questions. You may want to appoint a secretary to record the progress and attendance of each group.

Lay leaders, much preparation in the understanding of group dynamics and the preferences of the members of your own group will greatly contribute to your being used of God. Background reading will stimulate new ideas. Yet nothing will replace your own personal study of God's word.

Hosts and hostesses hold the vital key of contact with friends and neighbors who would be interested if given a warm invitation. Careful explanation helps break down misconceptions and build interest. Then during the Bible study meeting a tactful hostess must be alert to avoid possible embarrassment and give everyone a feeling of ease. A guest book may provide a cordial tool for welcoming visitors and building friendship later in their homes.

May we enter Phase III of the Year of Advance with a deep awareness that the Holy Spirit is leading us together into fruitful and profitable experiences. ●

(To help in conducting your Bible Study the ADVANCE committee has prepared a printed Bible Study outline. If your church needs an additional supply, they are available free from the Headquarters office.)



## LISTEN LITTLE QUAKERS

### NICK MAKES A DECISION

By Betty Hockett

NICK'S NOSE tingled in the cold December air and the fresh snow made a soft crunch-crunch sound as he stepped along towards school, not slowly, but not really hurrying either.

"Boy, it's cold!" Nick thought as he pushed his hands deep into his pockets. "Seems more like Christmas with snow." Grumpily he added, "Maybe!"

Just then Jerry pedaled by on his bright green Sting-Ray bicycle. "Hi, ya, Nick!" he hollered. "Sure hope I don't skid on this slick pavement. See ya at school!"

Out loud Nick replied, "Hi!" Not quite out loud he said, "Smarty! Just 'cause he's got that new bike!" Down deep inside he thought, "Boy, that's a neat bike. . . just like I want for Christmas. But like Mom says, It won't be this year." He stomped down hard on an extra little drift of snow and began to walk faster.

The warm air made Nick's nose feel funny and he shivered as he went into the fourth grade room.

"Good morning, Nick," said Mr. Patterson. "Happy to see the snow in time for Christmas?"

"I guess so," Nick answered in a tired tone of voice.

"That isn't a very happy sounding answer. What's the matter, Nick? Do you feel all right?"

"I'm okay." Nick hung up his coat, then stood by the window, staring at the icicles that hung like pointed teeth from the snowy eaves.

"Got your Christmas shopping done yet?" asked the teacher.

"No, sir. There won't be much Christmas shopping for us this year. It took lots of money for Dad to open up his own TV shop last month. Mom insists we'll have a good time even if we can't give each other much.

But man, I sure did want a Sting-Ray this year. Sometimes I wish Christmas wouldn't even come!"

Mr. Patterson walked over to Nick. "Surely it isn't as bad as that. Happiness doesn't come from getting lots of things, you know. Some of the very richest people are unhappy." He thought a moment and added, "I think that English class this morning might help you think about this some more.

Nick was surprised! English class connected with wanting a bike? Suddenly he came to life. "LOOK! Mrs. Duncan just fell down on the sidewalk. I'll go help her." Off he dashed!

Before long Nick was back. "Boy, Mr. Patterson, I'm sure glad Mrs. Duncan wasn't hurt. She was already up when I got there but I helped pick up her things. It's a wonder she didn't break a leg. I helped Mrs. Williams so she wouldn't slip. It's sure slick!" Going to his desk, Nick hummed a Christmas song.

Later, Mr. Patterson announced, "For English today, you are to each write a paragraph telling what you think the famous saying on page 25 means. Let's read it together. 'Happiness comes not from goods but from good'."

Nick chewed on the end of his pencil, he frowned, he squirmed. He tried hard to concentrate as thoughts raced through his mind. "Boy, I felt grumpy this morning—thinking about wantin' a bike and then seeing Jerry on his. . . It's funny, though, I haven't thought about that since I helped Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Williams. . . What Mr. Patterson said sort of reminded me what our Sunday School lesson said about it being better to give than receive."

He wiggled some more and thought some more, then suddenly straightened up and smiled. "Hey! I get it! That's what Mr. Patterson meant. I felt bad 'cause I wouldn't receive a bike, but when I gave help it made me feel happy. Yeah, that's it!" With that settled, Nick began to write fast.

"How are you doing?" asked Mr. Patterson as he walked by Nick's desk.

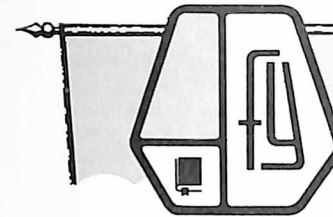
"Real good. I think I finally figured it out. You know, I feel lots better than when I came this morning."

"From what I see on your paper I'd say you're on the right track. I hope you'll feel better about Christmas now."

"Me, too! I'd like a bike, but Mom's probably right—we'll have fun anyway. And I can give them something, anyhow."

Mr. Patterson patted the boy's shoulder and smiled. "Good boy, Nick!" he said as he walked to the next desk. ●

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## "COMMITTED TO ADVANCE"

NEWS OF OYM FRIENDS YOUTH

### Q.M. PRESIDENT, DECEMBER

**H**I YOUTHS. This month's outstanding Quarterly Meeting president is from Portland Quarter. Her name is Sharon Smith, and she has done lots of things. At Wilson High in Portland she has been active in Girls Glee Club; she has been Head Co-ordinator of the school's Mathematics Resource Center, and she has been attending the Campus Life Club for four years. This year she is looking forward to graduation.

Outside of school she works as a page at the Southwest Hills branch of the Multnomah County Library. At Maplewood Friends she has worked on various committees, acted as Friends Youth president, helped out as a member of the Twin Rocks Youth Camp Committee, and is also on the Portland Quarterly Meeting Christian Education Committee. Sharon is a good example of the balanced teen, and she has this to say about her relationship with Jesus Christ:

About four years ago at Twin Rocks Tween Camp, I made my first decision for Jesus Christ. It was a wonderful experience, but I must admit that I failed on my part of the bargain, and slipped out of close touch with the Lord. But, thank God, after many ups and downs, and through the wonderful faithfulness of a dear Christian friend, I came back to the Lord about a year and a half later. Since then my life has been filled with the blessed peace and love that only God can supply. I can't say that everything is easy, but I know that God is always right beside me. He gave me the wonderful passage of scripture found in Proverbs 3:5, 6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." If we but trust in the Lord, He'll direct everything for us; furthermore we must not depend on only our own judgment. We can ask Him to take over and do things the way He wants to. The Christian life is the only life. I heartily recommend it to anyone.

### ADVANCE FY STYLE

Is your FY glued to the pews? Then move them out. It is hard to Advance when you have to drag a pew around. Try a little bit of visitation among your friends. You see them every day at school. Try barging in on them when they are trying to avoid studying—they might even appreciate it. All kidding aside, this is a great way to get kids into your meetings. Get your whole gang to go visiting together. I won't tell you it's fun—you can find that out for yourself. And don't forget to pray for your best friend.

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Sherri Piersall, daughter of Hayden Lake Friends Church pastor Wayne Piersall, was selected Miss Hayden Lake at the recent pageant. Sherri will go on now to the Miss Idaho contest. Rilla Raml, another Hayden Lake Friends Church girl was runnerup.

### MID-WINTER NEARS

There are only a few more shopping days until Mid-Winter, so try to hold onto some of that Christmas money. If you can manage to hold on to \$14.05 of it, you can use the \$.05 to send us your name and address to tell us you are coming, and then you can save the remaining 14 bucks until you actually reach Cannon Beach. If you reach Cannon Beach before you have given us your name and address by mail, it is still a cheap \$15. Save 95¢ for your Camaro fund, by sending in your pre-registration. Send it to Friends Youth, Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.



## AMONG THE CHURCHES

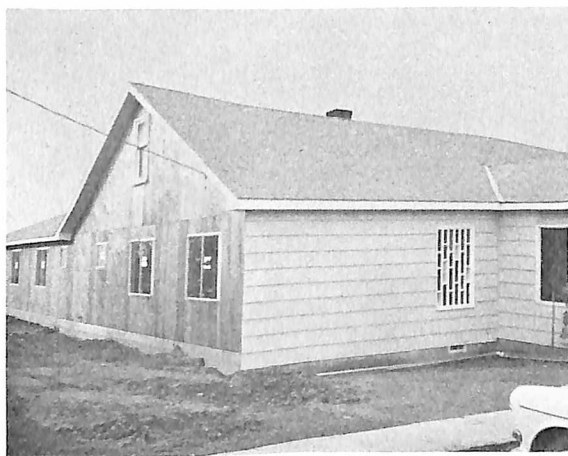
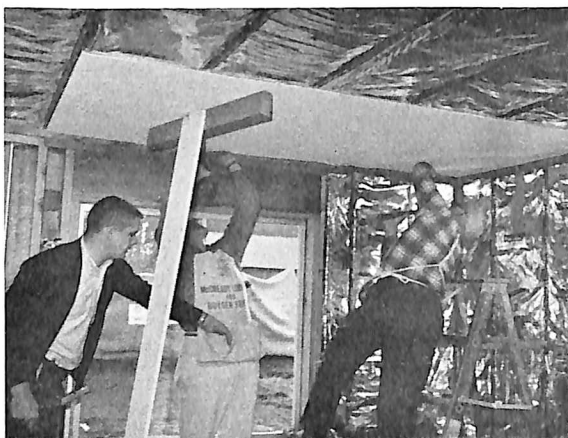
We appreciate the people from whom we have heard pro or con reactions to our new method of presenting the "Among The Churches" news items. We respect these opinions. It is difficult to determine with certainty, without a complete survey whether a majority favors the new way or not, but from the expressions—and/or lack of expression—we shall continue to present the news in this new form. We attempt to condense the items sent us without leaving out any more basic news than what we did under the old method. The rewriting and condensation is proving an economic savings to the total church program by cutting the number of pages used for "Among The Churches." What used to take five to seven pages is now three to four pages—two to three pages less an issue. The cost of the NORTHWEST FRIEND is approximately \$30 per page per issue. This means a saving in production costs of between \$60 and \$90 a month, a considerable amount. We feel this money is being saved without sacrificing the basic value of the church news. We will continue to do our best to present your church news in a readable form and hope you will be patient in our efforts to improve. To the faithful reporters who make these columns possible, we express our thanks.

—Harlow Ankeny

### PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

A Christian Witness Seminar October 30 through November 20, sponsored by the Greater Tacoma Evangelical Association and the CBMC, attracted a number of Friends in the area. At least seven attended from TACOMA FIRST FRIENDS and a number from NORTHEAST TACOMA. Team members from the Crusade were used as guest speakers: Rev. Elmer Boileau, from Spring Arbor, Michigan spoke Sunday, October 30, at services in NORTHEAST TACOMA; Charles W. Kingsley, executive director of the Free Methodist Men's Fellowship from Winona Lake, Indiana, Sunday evening, October 30, and Wednesday evening, November 2 at NORTHEAST TACOMA, and Lucian Behar, a converted Egyptian Jew, at TACOMA FIRST, October 30. †AGNEW'S fondest dream, a new educational unit, is rapidly becoming a reality (see pictures). They report response to volunteer labor has been tremendous with men coming from other churches to help. At the writing of their report, the rooms were taking shape and progress was being made daily. †Members of OYM's Board of Evangelism met for their Fall Retreat at FRIENDS MEMORIAL on October 10 through 12. While in that area, they spent one evening with building committee, trustee, finance and stewardship members of NORTHEAST TACOMA to survey their plans for "a new church with a new name in a new location." †OYM WMU president Julia Pearson

has been visiting the Puget Sound area for speaking engagements. A salad buffet dinner was held at FRIENDS MEMORIAL October 27 with Julia as guest speaker and an afternoon meeting was held at TACOMA FIRST with NORTHEAST TACOMA ladies also attending. These two WMU groups also met together October 13 to listen to Retreat reports. †AGNEW'S prayer meetings have increased in attendance as groups have divided at prayer time into Primaries, Juniors, Youth and Adult prayer groups. They testify to a feeling of the presence of the Spirit in all of their services. †A SS awards contest is being conducted for the next nine months, closing on June 30, at NORTHEAST TACOMA. Attenders at ten or more Sundays for each three-month period will receive certificates of merit and special gifts. †Church dinners of all kinds



Men from Friends Memorial Church in Seattle (top picture) assist in work on Agnew's new educational unit nearing completion (below).

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seem to be the center of church social life, especially during the Fall months. Some of them in the Puget Sound area include the first of monthly potluck dinners following a Christian Workers Conference at AGNEW; a dinner for college young people attending FRIENDS MEMORIAL while students at SPC and U of W, held October 2, with 18 student guests; a Kingdom Builders SS progressive dinner, a Philadelphian SS potluck dinner and an all-church Harvest Festival dinner, all three at TACOMA FIRST.

†A number of Halloween parties were also held by SS classes and/or FY groups at FRIENDS MEMORIAL, on October 14 and October 28, and at AGNEW. †Guest speaker at FRIENDS MEMORIAL, October 23 to 26, was Hegge Ivorsen.

### SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Physical improvements at both ASHLAND and TALENT are enhancing their church properties. These include new sidewalks at ASHLAND, and new pews, plus considerable fire prevention and safety features, at TALENT. They are currently hoping to raise \$500 for a new roof. †An idea used at TALENT in connection with their church property may be a good one for other smaller churches not already using such a plan. To solve their janitor problem, one family a month volunteers to be responsible for the janitorial duties. †TALENT and ASHLAND are continuing to report participation in the Advance program with ASHLAND reporting many calls being made and several people involved in Operation Contact. †Halloween was party time with three separate ones at ASHLAND over the weekend and a special singspiration party at TALENT, Sunday evening, October 30, with a number of special vocal ensembles participating. And here's a special "Trick or Treat" party with a new twist held by the Jr. High and High school class at TALENT. Instead of collecting candy and treats, they collected money for relief in South Viet Nam—a total of \$75. A chili feed awaited them on their return from their mission. †ASHLAND'S WMU netted \$100 from a rummage sale to go toward installing a kitchen unit in their church. †Guest speakers have included Denney Ermel, a ventriloquist from Englewood EUB, at ROSEDALE SS, October 23; Ken Kumasawa, evangelist for special meetings at ROSEDALE, November 6-9; Quentin and Florene Nordyke, October 24 at TALENT.

### BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

The only report from Boise Valley this month came from BOISE, and the recap of their events follows: Missionary Literature Sunday was observed October 16. †Pastors of Boise Valley and Greenleaf QM'S met for lunch at the "Kings Table" Tuesday, October 18, followed by prayer and fellowship at the home of Dean and Kathleen Gregory at STAR. †The Music Committee is sponsoring a project to purchase new hymnals, hoping to reach the goal by Thanksgiving. †Thursdays have been designated as Visitation Night in connection with the Advance program. †Sunday evening services were dismissed October 30 in order to join with MERIDIAN and Whitney for the film "Anything Can Happen" at MERIDIAN.

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### PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

FY activities have included a variety of events. CLACKAMAS PARK'S FY'ers held a Saturday afternoon car wash and on the following Sunday did some calling to invite prospects to FY. HILLSBORO FY were in charge of the October fifth-Sunday evening service and arranged for Mike Ballard as speaker and Charlene Campbell as singer. Both Charlene and Mike are GFC students from Portland. HILLSBORO'S Junior FY had a Halloween party. The young people of SVENSEN church have enjoyed FYDU (Friends Youth Destination Unknown) sponsored by church families after the Sunday evening services. A recent FYDU turned into a hayride topped off by refreshments at the home of Bob Bersagel. †Judi Nolte, pastor's wife of SVENSEN, is teaching twenty kindergarten pupils in the church fellowship hall three mornings a week. †Advance continues: MAPLEWOOD had 22 callers making 200 calls on October 2, their day for Operation Contact. CLACKAMAS PARK'S Operation Contact has completed its fifth week and the men of the church are still meeting for their Saturday morning prayer breakfast. At PIEDMONT a community visitation program was held in September and cottage prayer meetings have been held in preparation for evangelistic services held November 2-13 with Wayne Piersall of HAYDEN LAKE as evangelist. †SS activities have included a rally day at MAPLEWOOD on October 9 for which a Moody Bible film was shown. MAPLEWOOD has also launched a SS contest. Reporter Sharon Smith says, "We are all Indians, out to see how many feathers we can get. If we bring someone. . . we earn a feather. If we ourselves are at Sunday School, on time. . . etc. we earn feathers. Through this contest we hope to bring more people into the church of Christ." †Guest speakers continue to bring challenges from various areas of the world. Rozann Palmer showed slides of her recent trip to Mexico after an evening service at CLACKAMAS PARK. Mr. Thomas Cain, missionary with the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade also spoke at CLACKAMAS PARK. He has served in Kashmir in North India, pioneering new work where the Gospel had not been preached before. Pastor and Mrs. Kim spoke at SVENSEN October 30 showing slides of their work in Portland. Barbara Baker showed slides of the Friends work in England and Ireland and brought a challenging message at MAPLEWOOD October 30. And Quentin and Florene Nordyke continue to make the rounds with their challenge of Peru, visiting HILLSBORO for the morning service October 30. †The field in back of the CLACKAMAS PARK church has been leveled for use as a ballfield and playground and at HILLSBORO the WMU has provided curtains and rugs and other individuals have presented toys, blankets, sheets and furniture as their nursery continues to develop. †Julia Pearson, OYM WMU president, was speaker at SVENSEN WMU in October. †An unusual outdoor evening service, around a fire, was held at MAPLEWOOD October 2, proving to be a most inspirational time.

### GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

GREENLEAF reports much interest in the Advance as evidenced by visitation, extra prayertimes



and new people appearing in services of the church. ¶ An all-church Harvest Thanksgiving Fellowship dinner was held November 13, followed by an afternoon musical program featuring John Carr, Ember Roberts and vocal numbers by various members. ¶ ONTARIO'S Advance visitation program took place October 30. On October 9 the John Carr family brought a special sermon in song for the evening service at ONTARIO. The Carr's have been ministering at the church for the past two months until the new pastors came November 1. A welcome for the new pastors, Roy and Josephine Dunagan, was held following the evening service November 6. ¶ Special stewardship emphasis in the form of a "Stewardship Witness" panel was held Sunday evening, October 30, at GREENLEAF. It was directed by Willard Kennon with two businessmen from Nampa participating. ¶ Greenleaf QM was held the first weekend in November at ONTARIO with Jack Willcuts as speaker for the Saturday morning worship service and the FY rally Sunday afternoon. ¶ Other FY events include a hayride Halloween party at ONTARIO October 28. The GREENLEAF high school FY is planning a series of studies on Quaker history and other topics. A study of the book of Esther conducted by the pastor began as the first of the series November 6. GREENLEAF Academy juniors presented their class play November 17 and 18 and the football team finished the season undefeated. ¶ ONTARIO and their WMU have undertaken several improvement projects, including tiling of floors, painting and outfitting a nursery room. The congregation has approved the purchase of platform carpeting, tinted glass for windows and new or used pews. ¶ Herschel Thornburg conducted meetings at ONTARIO November 13-20. ¶ Mrs. Kathleen Rodgers, SS superintendent at EMMETT, sends a brief summary of their recent activities, which we have chosen to include as a personal message to Friends in OYM: "Greetings from the EMMETT Friends Outpost! We are rejoicing in the progress of our church building. With the shingles on the roof, we will soon be doing inside work. Our prayerful thanks go to all who have helped and are still helping. We had 22 out to a SS combination chili feed, Halloween party and celebration of Allen and Wilma Cole's twin boys and their grandmother, Elva Cole's, birthdays. There is a wonderful spirit of love in the church and we covet your prayers that as we grow as a church, we will continue to grow in love and in the spirit."

## NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

SPRINGBROOK has been experiencing challenges from missionaries recently. Sheryl Trachsel, WGM appointee to Kenya, and the Quentin Nordyke family have been recent guest speakers. ¶ Jack Willcuts challenged SPRINGBROOK toward the new church year's Advance program. On October 23 he spoke for Sunday evening service at NEWBERG. ¶ Twenty-one new members have recently been welcomed at NEWBERG. To celebrate the welcoming of new members at SPRINGBROOK, a potluck dinner was given in their honor. ¶ David Myton, GFC professor, is leading a Sunday evening adult Bible study on the Psalms at NEWBERG, and in the Sunday morning services, pastor Charles Ball has been bringing messages based on the Ten Command-

ments. ¶ Boys and Girls Clubs have started to meet at NEWBERG with directors John Lyda and Melvin Hull for the boys, Gladys Friesen and Janet Hull for the girls. ¶ SPRINGBROOK and CHEHALEM CENTER are uniting in presentation of a Christmas cantata to be held at CHEHALEM CENTER.

## INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

WMUs seem to have a real part in improving church physical plants. HAYDEN LAKE'S WMU painted outside trim, shampooed carpeting, upholstered chairs, cleaned and waxed the entire church recently. Beyond this they are sewing for the Nordyke family shipment. ¶ Quentin and Florene Nordyke gave their challenging presentation of Bolivia and Peru at SPOKANE in the morning and HAYDEN LAKE the evening of Sunday, October 30 bringing new appreciation for the Aymara Indian to these congregations. The Nordykes also visited fields in ENTIAT the first week of November and spoke at meetings November 3 and 6. ¶ HAYDEN LAKE was visited by a special committee from SPOKANE to discuss HAYDEN LAKE'S possibility of becoming a monthly meeting. ¶ Forty young people from ENTIAT attended a showing of the film "The Restless Ones" in Wenatchee in October. Other FY activities at ENTIAT included a senior FY Halloween party, and another for junior FY's; and an evening of fun and fellowship in a member's home the night of the school's Homecoming dance. ¶ Attendance reached 135 in HAYDEN LAKE'S SS during a recent contest. The pastor and SS superintendent Leona Baker had a contest of their own—the pastor giving a dinner for the entire church if the attendance hit 150; and Leona feeding the pastor's family a steak dinner if it didn't. It didn't! ¶ SPOKANE'S pastors, Walter and Carol Lee, attended the Pastor's Short Course at GFC in October. ¶ Guest speakers have included Jack Willcuts at ENTIAT November 13, and Dr. Henry Brandt, speaking at a united service sponsored by the SPOKANE church.

## SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

Three churches of this QM report continued progress in the Advance program. ROSEMERE continues their Tuesday morning prayer meeting and also participates in a noon fasting and prayer session on Thursdays. VANCOUVER has been visiting in the homes in the vicinity of the church on Sunday afternoons in what has been called "Advance Invasion." CHERRY GROVE reports a good response in their united effort to reach unchurched people in the community as new faces show up in church and SS. ¶ Another FY fund raising project, this time at CHERRY GROVE where FY's sold Halloween candy to earn money for this year's projects coming up with \$100. ¶ ROSE VALLEY had over 150 attend their October skating party. Many other parties were held: a Jr. High girls' slumber party October 14, a Sr. High day at the beach October 15, a Jr. High boys' and girls' skating party at Lloyd Center, October 21, all involving ROSEMERE young people. VANCOUVER Homebuilders class had a Halloween Hobo party October 28 and on Sunday evening, Octo-

ber 16, a reception was held for Lloyd and Beverly Melhorn. Lloyd is VANCOUVER'S new Christian Education director. ROSEMERE also had a Halloween costume party, including an exchange of box lunches and homemade doughnuts made on the spot by Harry Braithwaite who is retiring this year as chef at the Vancouver Memorial Hospital. ¶ Among the guest speakers this month were Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Pearson, former missionaries to Bolivia, who brought messages at CHERRY GROVE, October 9; and Mrs. Stenberg from Clark College speaking to the Friendship class at VANCOUVER on the subject "Peyote Religion and Other Aspects of American Indian Culture." Dr. Myron Goldsmith has been leading a discussion and lecture hour on "Who Are the Quakers?" each Sunday evening at VANCOUVER. ¶ The WMU and SS at CHERRY GROVE have presented to the SS a gift of a new film strip projector and screen and on October 30 the Moody Science film strip "House of Clay" was shown to the Sunday evening congregation. ROSE VALLEY has shown two films recently, "Martin Luther" on October 30 and the missionary film "To Every Creature" shown at SS November 6. ¶ ROSEMERE reports three ladies attending the WMU Retreat and at VANCOUVER, the WMU October meeting featured a tasting party—each woman bringing a tasting sample of their favorite recipe and selling copies of the recipe for 10¢. The money went into their Retreat fund. ¶ A fiftieth wedding celebration was held at CHERRY GROVE November 6 in honor of the William Elmers who have attended the church for several years.

## Vital Statistics

### MARRIAGES

CARRINGTON-JOHNSON—John Carrington and Virginia Johnson were united in marriage at Talent Friends Church, October 23. CLARK-EWING—Phillip E. Clark and Zoie Ewing were united in marriage, October 16, at the Boise Friends Church with Dale Field officiating. BAGLEY-DOKKEN—Daniel Bagley and Carolyn Dokken were united in marriage at the Central Lutheran Church in Salem, Oregon, September 24. McKELLIP-FORNEY—David McKellip and Deanna Forney were united in marriage June 13 at Bomont, Idaho.

### BIRTHS

WILLIAMS—To Kenneth and Myrna Williams of Newberg, a boy, Ryan Kent, born November 25 at Mc-Minnville, Oregon. MAGEE—To Harold and Wilma Magee of Newberg, a daughter, Patricia Jan, born October 26. ARNDT—Sandra Joelle arrived from Seoul, Korea, on September 7 to become a member of Joe and Imogene Arndt's family at Newberg. COMFORT—To Donald and Marilyn Comfort of Greenleaf, Idaho, a son, Rodney Eugene, born October 24. RUDKIN—To Bob and Carol Rudkin, Boise, Idaho, a son, William Bradley, born October 1. WOOLRIDGE—To Harlen and Joyce Woolridge of Talent, Oregon, a son, born November 1.

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### DEATHS

PEMBERTON—Max J. Pemberton, long-time resident and businessman in Salem, Oregon, passed away October 26. In 1946, Max with his wife Winifred opened a Sunday School in the Pringle School building out of which grew the present Pringle Friends Church. Survivors include his wife, two sisters and two brothers.

## Notices

MOVE OVER ELIJAH, by Dr. Arthur O. Roberts, a volume of sermons and poems including the title sermon will be published by The Barclay Press in 1967. For pre-publication order forms, write The Barclay Press, P. O. Box 232, Newberg, Oregon 97132.



Superintendents of American Friends Yearly Meetings met November 1-3 in Chicago. Among attenders (left to right) were Wayne Allman, Iowa; William Wagner, Indiana; Jack L. Willcuts, Oregon; Chester G. Stanley, Ohio; Francis Brown, Philadelphia; Fred Littlefield, Kansas; Paul Goulding, Friends General Conference, and Keith Sarver, California. Also present but taking the picture was Norval Webb, Western Yearly Meeting.

## Men of Oregon Yearly Meeting To Buy Mission Vehicle

A critical need for a vehicle to replace a worn out Volkswagen Microbus being used in Peru is being presented to the men of Oregon Yearly Meeting. After careful investigation, a British made Land Rover (Jeep-type vehicle) has been selected as the most suitable machine to buy. It is rugged, can be easily serviced in Peru and compares favorably in purchase price—approximately \$4,000 delivered. While the appeal is made to all the men of all our churches, the Quaker Men treasurer Ralph Chapman, will handle the gifts for the Land Rover; \$360 was pledged at the Quaker Men Conference in Pendleton.

The roads and trails used by the missionaries for evangelization and visitation in the rapidly growing Peruvian mission work are punishing to both men and machines and it is a constant challenge to find equipment to match this opportunity.

Some larger contributions will be appreciated, but just as important are the men who will send \$5.00 a month. How many have ever personally invested in missions in this way? Contributions designated "Land Rover" may be sent through your local church treasurer or to P. O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon.

—J. L. W.



# ADVANCE

## PHASE III - HOME BIBLE STUDY

By Chuck Mylander

**W**E LIVE IN a day when most people venerate the Bible as the guidebook of the ages, but don't take time to read it. Many people today feel disappointed with the church, yet insist they believe the Bible. Thus, many people will attend a home Bible study quite freely.

### PART III OF ADVANCE

Our ADVANCE began (Part I) with prayer. Nothing replaces prayer. In prayer we take hold of God and His promises. In prayer we conquer the world. But God in his wisdom requires good, hard work to reap any harvest. So Jesus who taught us "always to pray and not to faint" also instructed us to request "laborers for the harvest." He himself set the pace of such diligent service that his own family thought He was mad. Operation Contact (Part II of the Advance) has been hard work, but rewarding. Many hundreds of homes have heard the ring of a doorbell from an interested Friend. New acquaintances have been made, new friendships formed, new witness given. Some of these new friends have attended worship or a fellowship time. Others have not. But on the part of many we sense a genuine hunger for the reality of God. How can we communicate to them the joy we have found in Christ Jesus?

Home Bible study groups provide the logical answer. Here our friends may informally investigate what God has spoken. Yet they do not feel the pressure of involvement in the many programs of the church. In one Bible study group the participants met twice monthly for a year before they rejoined the church,

became active as Sunday School teachers and found other places of service.

### POWER OF GOD'S WORD

You see, when people realize that somehow a unique relationship exists between the Bible and the living of Christianity, and agree to honestly examine it with others, something happens. God has bound Himself by what He has said. In learning of His word, we learn of Him. Like a surgeon's scalpel carefully dissects parts of the body, so God's word effectively probes our motives. We find that instead of our simply examining the Bible, it is examining us. The words expose the most intimate thoughts of a man's being. What God says is powerful. It claims our allegiance. It changes our lives. Somehow the Bible reveals us for what we really are. The surgeon's lamp is shining into the recesses of our Spiritual nature, to the very point where our inner self and our immortal spirit meet.

### PRODUCT OF STUDY

The result of home Bible study groups is changed and changing lives. The union of a Spirit-filled lay leader and God's unchanging message causes men and women to face the living Christ afresh. The amount of conviction that results will depend largely on the quality and quantity of prevailing prayer that has preceded this moment. Some will respond joyfully to Christ and His claims. Many will turn away.

The widespread emphasis on sex and selfish living today has already filled many people

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