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Men, Missions, Mobility

IMAGINE TRYING to keep up with your job today without a car. It has become such a commonplace tool in our way of life, we no longer debate its necessity. We merely attempt to make the most practical, economical, satisfactory selection.

It is only natural then for the Yearly Meeting to place at the disposal of our missionary staff suitable vehicles to assist in the work they are doing. The distances spanned by our mission field makes this even more essential. Actually, a fleet of six vehicles is currently in use to facilitate in the best way known the travel needs of the missionaries in their extensive visitation activities.

This is an expensive project, one of the most costly details of our mission field administration. Obviously the missionaries with their salary scale cannot purchase their own as many do at home, although missionaries do reimburse the mission for strictly personal use of the vehicles. The nature of the situation precludes installment plan buying; cash purchases must be made when the vehicle is ordered, then several weeks are required for delivery. Maintenance is difficult as well; both costly and often unsatisfactory which coupled with the road conditions, especially in Peru, makes upkeep and early replacement expensive.

Missionaries also make constant search for the most practical, economical and satisfactory selection. Different types of machines are needed for different types of work: for example, pick-ups are needed to handle the two campers on the field for extended trips. Smaller machines are better for general driving and shorter journeys.

CARS COST....

Different makes of cars adjust or change

their equipment year by year; agencies come and go in foreign countries also, so these decisions have to be constantly reviewed and updated. The missionaries have tried many different kinds. It is believed that the British "Land Rover" (Jeep-type vehicle) is the most suitable for the Peruvian work at this time, so the Board of Missions has authorized the missionaries to place an order for one to replace an exhausted Volkswagen Microbus.

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Clarity and Chaos

"IF YE CONTINUE in my word. . . ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31)

Surely everyone pauses for a moment at least, as he surveys a New Year. Hopefully, there may be a few moments of clear, dawn light before smog of time moves in. By tracking some of the great saints of the past, we find perspective for a year already described by various kinds of specialists as "chaotic."

After going in discouraging circles for about forty years, the Israelites faced a new year. Joshua, recently placed in charge, listened to his advisors and was reminded they then were living in chaotic conditions. But Joshua was weary of melancholy commentators; he was a man on the move, for ringing in his soul was the voice of heaven, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest!" (Joshua 1:6)

These pushed-around people couldn't believe their ears: "Prepare your food! Within three days we shall pass over this Jordan!"

Living under a protective cloud by day can get to be a depressing unimaginative habit, however exciting it may have been at first, and some well-informed conservatives must have frantically called a Committee to issue a statement to this radical leader. "Do you mean to say you intend to do in three days what we haven't been able to do in forty years?"

Joshua could also issue communiques: "Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and he will not fail. . ." He was striding out of earshot, so they may have missed the rest. (Joshua 3:10).

"Just a minute," the Committee was beginning to caucus. Forty years on comfortable manna rations while skirting trouble on both sides establishes a cautious religious routine. Wooling the same problems around year after year, teaching a new generation to wring its hands—they knew every miserable spot in the desert. Recounting the size of those giants "over there" (pointing Canaan-ward), had become a pastime of wandering Big Wheels grown used to going in wilderness circles. "Don't you understand the situation, Joshua? These are terrible times; we are on the verge of chaos."

"Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you!" (Joshua 3:5). Some of the younger men were beginning to get the message.

So a confused company of believers was finally straightened out. "As I was with Moses (bringing you out), so will I be with thee, (going on in). Have not I commanded thee?" (Joshua 1:9)

So much for the "why." Now for the "how." Or didn't you notice? ". . . I will be with thee."

"If ye continue in my word. . . ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Each year the Northwest Friend selects a concern for the new year. Roger Smith, pastor at Oak Park and member of the Board of Evangelism shares this article.

"Despite shattered dreams and faded visions. . . God leads us forward into new, exciting experiences of His purpose."

A NEW BEGINNING

By Roger D. Smith

SUNLIGHT FLASHING from naked, swaying, twisting bodies, the throb of sensual music, the bowing of heads and raising of arms before the golden calf-like images announced the collapse of a great dream. A few months before, this dream leaped alive through the awakening faith of one man—Moses.

Moses was a member of a slave people, the Israelites, part of the slave labor force of the Pharaohs of Egypt. God found Moses to be a responsive tool through which these people could be set free to become a nation to fulfill a dramatic act in the plan of God for man. As Moses' faith smoldered, then burst into a great blaze of devotion to God, he was able to impart this dream to the leaders of Israel. Soon the man of faith was to lead the two million of his people to freedom. Miracles of God would shatter the iron hold of Pharaoh, cleave a pathway through the Red Sea and, after three wonderful months, bring them to the foot of Mount Sinai.

Here, while Moses talked with God on the barren slopes of Mt. Sinai, above the clouds, receiving the blueprint for building a nation for God's special purpose, the dream died. The people who said a few days ago, "All that the Lord has spoken, we will do" were now bowing before the golden calf-images saying, "These are our gods that have led us." These words signaled the end of the vision and the dream. God's plan for them was nullified, the future was confused.

What did the future now hold for them? Would they continue in this pagan revelry until they died of starvation? Would they break camp and head for some unknown place, trusting their idols to guide them, to be destroyed by some mighty enemy? Would they return in defeat to Egypt to accept its slavery again for food and security? Would God bring immediate destruction upon them because of their sin?

No, none of these! Moses is disappointed and frustrated, but he is still a man of faith. He pleads with God for forgiveness for his people, and it is granted. They are spared destruction. God says, "Go up hence, thou and the people to the land. . ." Moses continues to implore, "Show us Thy way." He is asking God not only to give them another chance, but to once again give a vision of His way, His purpose, of His plan for them. A new beginning is granted and the vision is to be renewed as God promises, "My presence will go with you."

How easily dreams are shattered. Remember when God was so real and your vision of His plan for your life was so clear? You tackled life with such zeal and enthusiasm and faith that nothing seemed impossible. Miracles seemed to happen, barriers and hindrances were pierced as easily as the Red Sea. God was close, His provision and blessings were ever present. Life at this juncture was a hilarious adventure of joy. But one day you stood before some Sinai. Faith was off beyond the dark clouds where God was hiding. Your ideals and principles began to crumble and suddenly you were bowing and worshiping false gods, behaving in the same manner as those with no God. For you, God is dead, for you have turned away from Him to give first place in your life to other matters. The dream is dead.

What does the future hold for you? Do you stumble on from here in your own wisdom only to find complete defeat on some other battlefield of life? Do you go back into the slavery to sin from which Christ rescued you? No! There is opportunity for a new beginning. "O, God forgive!" "O God show me once again your way."

Perhaps this is not your story. Perhaps your vision hasn't died—it has faded and blurred. Instead of adopting the life and habits of the pagan, you have kept idols out, and the ungodly practices have been carefully excluded from your life. But God and faith are nevertheless beyond the dark clouds of Sinai. The freshness and idealism of your vision of God's purpose is gone, and with them, your zeal, your dedication, your sense of God's presence, your warm devotion to God. And thus, you are content to remain at the base of Mt. Sinai where God and the man of faith are out of sight and unreal. There will be no more miracles, no great land to possess, no victories to be won, no dream that God has given you to fulfill. Is this to be your fate? No, it isn't necessary! Ask God's forgiveness for your blurred vis-

ion, lukewarm devotion, and weak faith. Ask God to once again show you His way, and He will give you a new beginning.

The answer that Moses received was beyond his asking. God said, "Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee; behold mine angel shall go before thee. . ." This was wonderful. God was willing to lead them on towards His plan for them. But there is more. God spoke again saying, "My presence shall go with thee, and you will find rest." Moses had asked for instruction and was given the companionship of the instructor. He was wanting a signpost and was given the guide. How appropriate this was. Many dangers lay ahead of them. Ahead of them was the danger of the unknowns: The unknown trail, and the unknown enemies. However the greatest danger ahead was now known: The possibility of a repetition of the failure of faith and personal vision. God is greater than any of these dangers, and He promised to be personally with them.

So God always answers when we honestly ask to be shown His way. He doesn't give us a map or a set of rules and laws, but His own presence and personal help. The path of the just is learned by walking with God. Hand in hand, step by step, we move through life with God, listening for His voice through every avenue by which He speaks to men, keeping the conscience alert, the heart obedient, the spirit humble and teachable. The way cannot simply be pointed out to us or described in terms of another's life-experience. It must be experienced in terms of one's own walk with God.

Yet Moses asks for more: "Show me your glory." The people are stubborn, the way is long and hard, disappointments press upon him, the memory of failure is vivid and disheartening. He longs to lift his soul above the task, the confusion, the demands and to see the glory of God. Given that vision, the task becomes a joy, the confusion disappears, the demands seem light; but without it, to see God's way stretch ahead may daunt the bravest.

This prayer, too, was answered. Moses and all Israel, "Saw God's Glory" at four significant points of history. The full answer was again beyond asking. Moses asked to see God's glory: he was promised the vision of God's goodness, "I will make all my goodness to pass before thee, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."

The glory of the Lord is goodness, truth, grace. It is His loving kindness, His gentleness, His endless patience, and His gracious mercy. These we shall see and experience as we go forward with God. As we go, the glory of the Lord will be seen in His goodness to us, in the truth that He reveals through His ways with us, and the merciful grace of God will touch the lives of others with marvelous, life-changing power.

Regardless of the failures of the past and the shattered dreams; or despite the mediocrity and faded visions of our present lives, God is eager to lead us forward into new and exciting experiences of His purpose. As we stand at the beginning of a new calendar year, we should use this opportunity to make a new beginning with God. Seek His way, ask for His glory upon your life, believe that as you thus walk with God, other lives will experience His grace.

MOBILITY *continued*

The Board of Missions finds the many budgetary items are simply not being covered by the United Budget giving of the Yearly Meeting. Of course, missionary salaries, travel to and from the field, and similar support expenses must be cared for first. Vehicles must be provided beyond the United Budget this year.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW....

The men of Oregon Yearly Meeting are challenged to purchase this Land Rover, which placed on the Peruvian field, will cost around \$4,000 fully equipped. Men's prayer groups, fellowship meetings, Sunday school classes and Quaker Men units are asked to accept this project. At the Quaker Men Conference at Pendleton, \$360 was pledged toward this. Quaker Men Treasurer, Ralph Chapman, P.O. 190, Newberg, Oregon, 97132, is receiving the funds for this project. They may be sent through the local church treasurer directly to the "Land Rover Fund" at the above address.

The need is urgent. A telephone-radio conversation recently with Everett Clarkson in Peru indicated this.

This bold appeal through the Quaker Men to all the men of the Yearly Meeting is made with the confidence that many will see the need and conscientiously respond. If men could send only five dollars a month for six months, it would be of great help. Larger contributions will be needed also.

—J. L. W.

Rev. Bradley C. Fisher is the Pastor of the Friends Church of Seiling, Oklahoma and Chairman of the Board of Visitation Evangelism in Kansas Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church. He is the author of the booklet, *An Outreach and Evangelism Plan for a Friends Church*, published recently by the Board of Visitation Evangelism of Kansas Yearly Meeting.

Fishing for Men

By Bradley C. Fisher

"And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19.

IT WAS ABOUT daybreak when the two began casting lines into their favorite fishing hole. Both put in a hard week at the office and it was good to get away. With little trouble they left warm beds and with no complaint they faced the cold damp wind being pumped from the North.

As the minutes ticked by nothing happened. The fish weren't biting and the wind and cold worsened. The wind was just right, however, to bring the faint sound of church bells calling the people of God to worship. It was Sunday and both knew where they should be. They fished on in silence.



Finally one turned to the other and said, "I really couldn't have gone to church today. I had a hard week and couldn't bring myself to get up and go to church on time." They fished on and soon the other replied, "I couldn't have gone to church either. I've been fighting a cold all week and this damp air just tears me up."

As we take our leave from two who love fishing above worship, we can't help but wonder if our excuses are about as reason-

able. Christ has done so much for the people called Quakers. He gave us the salvation message and told us to "go" and "tell." He gave us the obedience of George Fox and the valiant sixty. Let's allow the faint sound of church bells to prick our consciences. Jesus never told us that Sunday school starts at 10:00 and worship begins at 11:00. He never told us to organize Friends Youth and to have prayer meeting on Wednesdays. These are important and Quakers must learn promptness and loyalty. On the other hand, we must not overlook the fact that Jesus did tell us to follow Him and He would make us fishers of men.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

This verse begins, "And he saith unto them. . ." When Jesus speaks, we must learn to listen. We have no leader of His equal. His words contain the best instructions of earth. Jesus speaks the words of the Father. When these words were first given, it was a voice. Now His words are found in His Holy Bible. The Holy Spirit brings witness that these things be true.

The words of Christ brought response from His followers. He spoke gently but authoritatively. They left their nets and followed Him. They were put under His spell and they dared not refuse. He had every right to call them, and they had no right to refuse.

When Earl Cairns was a boy of ten, he heard a sermon at Belfast. Three of the preacher's words startled him and he could not dismiss them from his mind. These were the words, "God claims you." These three words kept ringing in his ears and he kept trying to understand them. Finally he said, "God claims me and he has every right to me." He yielded himself to God.

Somewhere along the line we must learn to take more seriously the words of God through Jesus. It is very serious to challenge His authority. It so happens He meant what He said when he gave the Great Commission. It so happens He meant what He said when he told us to follow Him and He would make us fishers of men. These are not idle words and we will be held accountable. Here is a living voice, a message, an invitation, and a claim. Add these together and you have the Word of the Lord. We must not refuse.

THE WALK WITH THE LORD

This verse continues, "And he saith unto them, Follow me. . ." We are to be imita-

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The Church Library As Outreach

By Eleanor Bulgin

ONE OF THE greatest avenues of outreach for a church, or any organization for that matter, is the literary. Literature can go places and say things that people cannot. And to think, as Friends churches, how little we use this means of reaching others.

As one church librarian stated, "This is a fabulous area of service. It is one of the most exciting tasks I have ever done, because the response is so very overwhelming!"

Tigard Friends Church is beginning to realize some of the possibilities and thrills of literary outreach. Early last spring, study groups were formed to evaluate every facet of the church and how each could better serve, not only the church but the community. One of the study groups was designated to evaluate the church library.

Under the capable leadership of Meredith Morse, the library committee and others who indicated an interest to be part of this study group tackled the task at hand. They analyzed the church constituency and the areas in which literature was needed the most. It was decided that there were four areas: 1) teacher reference; 2) children's reading; 3) informative materials and wholesome fiction for youth; and 4) an extensive coverage of Quaker literature.

Teacher Reference. The teacher reference center is a section of the library where materials specifically for Christian Education are kept. It is intended that the Sunday School teachers utilize these reference materials for lesson preparation. Reference books may be checked out of the library with permission; however, teachers are encouraged to prepare their lessons in the library, and if possible, doing so with other teachers within the department thus being able to share ideas.

Besides commentaries and other Biblical reference books, the teacher reference center includes a compilation of audio-visual equipment (projectors, screens) and teaching aids such as filmstrips, flannel graphs, and picture materials. Donations of Christian magazines and pamphlets by members of the

congregation can provide the library with a wealth of teaching aids—stories, pictures, games, and religious current events. It is requested that the reader, as he discovers a worthwhile article, make note of its title, the name of the magazine, and its date. This information then becomes a part of an index of Christian periodical literature compiled by the church librarian.

Children's Reading. The need for children's books is tremendous. Children love to read! The first and second graders enjoy books that they can read by themselves. It is almost unbelievable, but the three- and four-year olds become the regular customers of the church library.

A children's Story Hour for primary grades possesses great potentialities in promoting the child's interest in literature. Tigard Friends Church has an outstanding opportunity to serve the community through this avenue, because the church is located adjacent to a public elementary school. Transportation can easily be arranged, and very few mothers would object to an hour of free baby-sitting! There is the possibility of having the Bible Story Hour during the weekly adult choir practice thereby helping two facets of the church—choir and Christian education for children.

Books For Youth. As Christians, we are prone to criticize the corner magazine stand or drug store where the teen-agers hang out, but what have we provided? Has a Friends church created a "hang out" for the youth by providing quantities of wholesome, attractive, and informative reading materials as well as a place where the kids can talk? Many books with a Christian orientation are being published for young people, but why does not the church acquire them and make them available to our youth? A special Teen Library is needed in the church.

Quaker Literature. If we are to have a more effective outreach as a church, we must know what we believe and be able to tell it to others. This demands an extensive collection of Quaker literature in our library. For example, have you read the Discipline

in its entirety? As we probed book listings, book-store shelves, and our Barclay Press, we found numerous publications of Friends literature that have never found their way into the church library. Quaker pamphlets need a rack in the church foyer where newcomers are able to get a true picture of Quakerism. For so many people, the only information about Quakers is gleaned from the daily newspaper and national magazines; and this certainly does not always represent us accurately!

As the library study-group of our church continued with committee meetings, observation of other libraries, study of library procedures, and further delving into our church needs, it was realized that it would be impossible to accomplish everything in one year; the real success of the library program would be a continuing work for years to come. But at this point the question was raised, "How do we start without a church library budget?"

We took our cue from Seattle Memorial Friends Church which had had a successful library dinner some months previously. We too, had a dinner—food supplied by the church women, served by the Sherwood Friends women, and a delightfully entertaining program. But there was a catch! Admission was charged: one dollar per adult and fifty cents per child—the entire proceeds going for the purchasing of books. The response was overwhelming with ninety people attending and forty-six books purchased, ranging from expensive commentaries to inexpensive children's literature.

A large percentage of this group was children. It was important to the project that every age-group that could use the library be present, and without a doubt, the children were the best "buyers." No parent can escape the pulling and tugging of the child who has spotted the book he wants!

The program of the library dinner was on the light, gay side with skits, musicals, and an intriguing review of books for every age. Verna Balzer, book representative for Christian Supply Center, gave the review and also provided sixty-five books which were displayed on a table in the foyer. When the program concluded, book-browsing began with individuals selecting books for the library. Sometimes two individuals shared expenses to cover the cost of the particular book they wished to purchase, but more often than not, people bought books costing more than the one dollar admission price. Each book was purchased with the option that

it could be taken home and read. Then it was to be returned to the librarian at which time a "Donated by" sticker would be placed on the flyleaf, and the book would be cataloged and ready for circulation.

Besides the splendid variety and number of books purchased that evening, a surplus of thirty dollars was realized which will be used for library supplies throughout the church year. All this, plus a good time, a new concept of a church library, and a newly developed literary enthusiasm evolved—all without a church library budget!

This was not by chance, however, for it took hours of planning and preparation. Weeks before the library dinner, two presentations by the library study group were given to the congregation. The first was a report of the findings and recommendations for the library; the second presentation featured skits depicting the needs of the library and concluded with library openhouse and refreshments.

Fortunately, our library is located near the front entrance of the church where it can easily be found. It is well lighted and attractively decorated. Plans are underway to paint the bookshelves different colors designating age groups, for example, red for children and blue for youth. All books, for record purposes, are classified by a modified Dewey Decimal System, and a card check-out is maintained.

It is visualized that the library can serve more than the literary needs. It can involve the hobbyist and the artist of the community as well as those talented within the church by inviting them to exhibit their works in the library room. What a pleasant place it can become! Also, it can be used as a display room for the handwork of the Sunday School children with special invitations sent to non-attending parents. Committees within the church enjoy using the library room as a meeting place, and it can easily serve as the extra room for an adult class.

Promoting interest and enthusiasm, the library bulletin board is used to announce new books. Special reports are given by the librarian at monthly meetings regarding the purchase of new books and the number of books read. Another feature promoting more reading is the "bookmobile" which enables the librarian to transport books for display to the different Sunday School departments.

The library study group recommended that church families purchase different family-worship books that may later be ex-

Preparation for Ministry at George Fox College

By Dr. Arthur O. Roberts

APPROXIMATELY forty young people are preparing for some form of ministerial service at George Fox College presently. Much has been written in recent days about the need for young people to answer the call of God for full-time Christian service in view of the growing needs for this kind of leadership in our churches. We are concerned about this, too, and pray God will call others into full-time Christian work. We are gratified by the trust placed in us by these young people and are praying that they might be faithful to the call of God upon their hearts. Thirty of these youth are Friends. Included are those preparing for pastoral and missionary service, with some indicating a desire for work as evangelists or in Christian education.

In addition to their college courses preparing them to fulfill their calling, the young people participate in co-curricular activities which help them feel a sense of fellowship with one another in their calling. The Student Ministerial Association is a fellowship for those preparing for pastoral service. At present this is led by Jack Gilliland, a Free Methodist. Professor Everett Craven is the faculty sponsor. The Foreign Missions Fellowship is under the direction of Jon Bishop, with faculty sponsor Robert Gilmore.

changed among families and will make a variety of devotional readings available when donated to the library.

Another avenue of outreach is to visit the sick, the confined, or the nonattenders, taking them a Christian book. Church library books can be effectively used in this way; how much more lasting a book can be than the card or flowers!

As a future goal, an extension of the local church library could be accomplished among the churches of the Quarterly Meetings in two ways: 1) by creating an interlibrary loan system; and 2) by establishing a coordinated acquisition plan by which unnecessary duplication of books could be avoided. This would make possible the circulation of a greater variety of books among Friends! ●

These young people need your prayers and your interest! We are concerned that they remain true to their call and receive the encouragement of the church. Each year, in cooperation with the Board of Evangelism of Oregon Yearly Meeting and other denominational representatives, Christian Vocations Week gives these young people opportunity to meet with church leaders and to plan their further preparation and placement.

It has been my observation over the years that most people received the call into the ministry during their high school years. Occasionally someone is called into the ministry while in college, and some, of course, even after that. By and large most young people receive the call earlier. It strikes me as the burning need for the church through its elders to engage in prayer and earnest inquiry into the nature of the gifts of their young people so that those might be directed into the ministry God would send forth.

NOTE: A Christians Vocation Week is scheduled at the college February 14-18 sponsored by the Yearly Meeting Boards of Evangelism and Christian Education. Special emphasis will be given to the preparation for pastoral ministry and the work of Christian Education responsibilities. ●

QUAKER MEN

A second regional Quaker Men Conference is scheduled for the Puget Sound area, January 27, 28 at the "Lutherland Conference Grounds" near Auburn, Washington. Starting Friday evening at seven o'clock and concluding Saturday evening with a banquet, the program will follow a similar format used at the Pendleton conference. Jack L. Willcuts will be the guest speaker; Dr. Don Chittick of the University of Puget Sound will lead a class; other leaders will be David Pruitt, Fred Baker, Forrest Cammack and Clynton Crisman. All men of the Yearly Meeting are invited.

Caldwell Tops Goal

At their first Missionary Conference held last month, Caldwell Friends Church set a goal of \$1,000 above their United Budget pledge for missions in the calendar year of 1967. Faith promise pledges were stressed. According to the pastor, Nathan Pierson, the church was greatly blessed on the final evening to find \$3,001.00 had been pledged!

The local missionary committee planned the conference with Paul and Martha Puckett, Jack and Geraldine Willcuts and Harold Harriman as speakers.

GFC Reveals Scholarship

A one-half tuition grant for George Fox College students is being provided through the Dorothy M. Campbell Memorial Fund established by the family and friends of Dorothy Morse Campbell who passed away November 16. According to the college announcement, the award is made to a sophomore or upper-classman preparing for missionary service with alternate consideration being given to students preparing for other areas of the Christian ministry.

Dorothy was the wife of GFC professor Harvey J. Campbell, a graduate of the college. Dorothy also attended George Fox for two years. In addition to the above scholarship, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Campbell and their children have established an emergency loan fund for needy George Fox College students in memory of Dorothy. Harvey is their son and brother.

World Day of Prayer

WHEATON, ILL.—"Then Will I Hear" is the theme for the 1967 World Day of Prayer observance scheduled for February 10, it was announced recently by Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga, Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals. Churches

Bible-centered worship materials for the World Day of Prayer are made available free of charge from the National Association of Evangelicals. A sample copy may be secured by writing the National Association of Evangelicals, P.O. Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

CARANAVI DIARY

By Gene and Betty Comfort

GREETINGS FROM the steamy, starchless valley of Caranavi. Today, however, has been an exception to the rule and has been quite refreshing. David Thomas came down from LaPaz bringing Antonio Mamani, president of the National Church, for the day for pastors which Gene had planned. David and Antonio both thought it was just about too hot for words down here, but they didn't slow down much. Then in the night there came up a thunder storm, so Gene and David took the pickup across the river at 2 a.m. fearing that the water level might be too high by morning.

The Pastors' and Workers' Day seemed to be just what the men needed. There were twelve National workers and pastors from this area that attended. Antonio Mamani preached to them in the morning, after traveling into the Alto Beni three hours from Caranavi. After the message and a time of prayer several of them testified in tears of the way that the enemy had been trying them, and of their new victory through the power of Christ. Everyone put the lunches they had brought together for a "pot-luck" and Gene brought ice-cold lemonade for a treat. After lunch they discussed the numerous items of business that needed to be discussed which included individual church matters for counsel with the National Church president and started the ball rolling for setting up a new Quarterly Meeting in this area.

Although there were some groups without representation, the ones attending agreed that such reunions were needed and agreed to meet again in two months. After refreshments of cake and cold pop, the group of faithful men traveled back to their homes, weary and warm—yet refreshed spiritually. The colonies range up to 75 road miles in distance, disregarding the hours spent hiking trails out to the roads. They meet as a group very rarely, so discouragements come easily and their resources for spiritual help are so limited. We feel that the Lord blessed in every aspect of the planning and in the actual meeting. Only when a plan is Spirit-led is it successful.

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MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHIES

David Thomas

By Carolann Palmer

COMING FROM a missionary-minded family, this month we introduce David Thomas. David's parents, Clyde and Mary Thomas, have served as pastors and spent the years from 1947 to 1961 in Africa as missionaries. His brother, George, and family have served in Burundi since 1944. Another brother, William, has been a missionary in Guatemala.

David was born in Rosedale, Oregon, near Salem, and attended grade and high school at Gates, Oregon.

He was converted under the ministry of his father who was holding revival meetings in a Wesleyan Methodist Church in Aumsville, Oregon.

It was while attending George Fox College that he met and later married Florence Swanson. They both graduated in 1944.

When asked what influenced him most to become a foreign missionary, he replied that Sunday School and early training contributed to this. He also stated "The field is the world, we won't always necessarily work in the same corner of the field, but we will work."

It was after being in the pastorate for 12 1/2 years, and in the spring of 1956 that they resigned, feeling God had a change in

their work. After this, they received letters inquiring if they had any interest in the Bolivian work. They felt this was God's leading for this time.

The Thomases are serving their second term as missionaries, located in LaPaz, Bolivia. David's duties are mostly with administration of the mission work, working closely with the national church leaders. He also is involved in personal evangelism and teaching.

I Corinthians 1:30 is his favorite Scripture verse: "Ye are in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

Asked about his likes and dislikes, David passes on this observation: "Likes and dislikes are variable. It's one of the problems of life; that once you are tall enough to reach the sugar bowl for yourself, the craving for sugar has vanished, now you want cake, fresh strawberries and cream to go with it."

As you pray today for the Thomases, they request wisdom, understanding, and patience for the tasks God has given them. Continue to remember them as they work with the Aymara Indians of Bolivia.

ONLY A LIGHT

By Betty Comfort

IT WAS the afternoon of Christmas Eve, 1965. Aymara young people had made elaborate costumes for the Roman soldiers and the magi. Simpler costumes were ready for the shepherds, the innkeeper, and Joseph and Mary.

This was the day designated for collecting final stage props and building a platform at one end of the tent, for the church wouldn't hold the crowd that would come to the Christmas program. Greenery of palm branches, tropical flowers, gay paper bells and streamers adorned the entrance to the tent and the front platform. The young people had purchased plastic yardage for the stage curtain.

Everything seemed to be in readiness except one thing.

"What will you use for the Christ Child?" I inquired as they put the props in place.

"We will have something ready tonight," was their evasive reply.

So with curiosity mixed with interest we watched the re-enactment of the Christmas story—the tax decree, the journey to Bethlehem, and the shepherd scene. Then the curtain opened to show the inside of a cave-like shed. Mary set serenely beside a manger and from the loosely strewn hay in the manger shined a glowing light.

"That's exactly right" my thoughts concluded—"Simply a light—the Only Light for the world."

EDUCATION INSTITUTES OFF TO GOOD START

A VENTURE OF faith is the Education Institutes being sponsored jointly by the Board of General Education and George Fox College. The ideas behind the organization of the Institutes were suggested by a number of concerned Friends, both within the boards themselves, and among the general constituency of the College, and include the hope that a stronger and better impact can be made upon the local churches by a combined thrust of the importance of Christian higher education, the use of faculty and students together in a deputation program, the coordination of visits to a local community by the several field men of the College staff in admissions and development, and an endeavor to bring a greater awareness to our church people of the implications of Christian citizenship and responsibility as they live in their communities.

There are three main formats for the Institutes—the first is a major thrust for an entire week end, lasting from Friday evening, Saturday, and all day Sunday. A second and less pretentious plan is for Saturday evening and Sunday. Yet a third contracted plan is for all day Sunday. Another novel idea being incorporated into the program is that all churches have a "core" curriculum in which it is suggested that a youth banquet, Gospel ministry, and workshops on Christian higher education be an integral part. Other "electives," ranging from a greater variety of subjects in the workshops to the use of an orchestra or the travelling choir on Sunday night, are allowed.

There has been a great deal of prayerful activity since Yearly Meeting itself; but especially involved are Kenneth Williams, president of the Board of General Education; and Dean Tom Sine of the College whose duties include his oversight of program services (deputation).

Looking down the road into the new year, we are told that interest has been quickened in a number of centers, with requests coming in to Kenneth Williams to set up a schedule of meetings. In most instances, the requests come from a member of meetings working in concert. ●

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tors of Christ. If we were to single one truth above all others, it would be that successful work for Jesus springs from devotedly imitating Him. This means discipleship; this means walking the streets of your area for Him. We must learn why He came to earth and of His heart-beat for lost humanity. It is a real privilege to listen and then trust and obey. When we make Him our Commander-in-chief, He will take us to heaven. There we will hear, "well done."

Following Jesus means to include Him in our occupation. For the majority this will not mean the abandonment of our present work but the inclusion of Christ in it. When we first began to follow Jesus we had a keen sense of duty. We had few convictions and few settled points of faith. It is unfortunate that as we begin to fasten on points of faith, we occasionally hold duty too loosely.

THE WORK OF THE LORD

Jesus said, "...follow me and I will make you. . . ." The Greek word "make" is interesting. It means to cause or to bring about. It means to accomplish his purpose. We are to furnish the raw material, He will do the making. We are to surrender to Him and He will enable us to glorify Him. He doesn't need talent and ability as much as He needs surrender and obedience. Lovingly, hopefully, He fashions us into useful workmen. It is humbling to consider that Divine hands need our hands. It is humbling to think that God wants to make and use us as instruments of His grace.

We each have abilities to use for Christ. We each have natural abilities and we each have potentials through the Holy Spirit. To most of us this is quite a struggle. Selfishness must be abandoned. We need to take on new habits and modes. We are put through severe tests to see if we are qualified to represent and work for Him. Sometimes we wonder if anything will be left. However, He still asks us to love and trust Him. Thus the ranks are thinned "...many are called, few are chosen."

This "making" must refer to the blessed Holy Spirit and His cleansing and filling. This is why we have this doctrine. We are sanctified to serve. Very heart-searching are the words, "But ye shall receive power . . . and ye shall be witnesses. . ." (Acts 1:8)

What does Jesus want to make of us? He wants to cause us to pity and be interested in the lost. He wants us to be people of

prayer and weep for those with no hope. He wants us to deny ourselves and become interested in the spiritual welfare of others. How He wants to mould, fashion, and train us. What kind of material are you? Will you endure His expectations or will you excuse yourself and rationalize away His claim upon you?

THE WILL OF THE LORD

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." It is the will of the Lord that Quakers be fishers of men. There is no more important work under God's high heaven. It is an extremely high privilege to be a child of the King. We have throne privileges and throne responsibilities. No army general or ambassador or pilot has a greater mission. When you go to one bound by sin, there is no higher or more important mission.

It is now a matter of record that an ABC newsman helped ease the Cuban crisis. He was approached by a high Russian official about America's seriousness in easing the crisis. This unofficial newsman became the official representative of the hundreds of Americans who wanted peace above war. He was singled out to twist the key to peace. Jesus has singled you out for a similar mission. He said, "And I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19)



What a cruel thing it is to be given the key to unbind and loose a hell bound soul and we lack the understanding or the courage to twist the key.

This is not just the work of the minister or the missionary. Indeed, the work is too great and too demanding to single out any above the bloodwashed and the Christ-called. You and I are called to fish for men in the fishing ponds of the world. I trust that you that bear the name "Friends" will do "... whatsoever he commands you." (John 15:14)

Every once in a while when someone hears my name I am asked if I like to fish. I generally reply, "I am fisher in name only." Actually, I did try once when I was around 11 or 12 but didn't catch a thing. Would I be justified in saying that fishing is not for me? Maybe this is our difficulty in fishing for men. We are friends in name only. We try witnessing a time or two and then conclude this isn't for us.

Will you join me in answering the call of Christ? It is frightening to go out into the devil's territory and take Christ to them. This is why we need the Holy Spirit. We can't do this in our own strength. We need this power to find this courage to go. Once we go, we see the need. As we hear the petty excuses and see their unconcern we receive a burden for lost souls. As we continue to obediently witness, we will soon find joy never known before—the joy of leading a lost soul to Christ. ●

WMU:

Foreign Project Report

Several WMU's have already sent in clothing or money for the outfitting of the Nordyke family. It would be greatly appreciated if all unions would purchase their items that were assigned on the cards at Retreat, as soon as possible. Many of the items needed will soon go on the winter sales. If the money is sent to them soon, they could take advantage of these sales. If any of the unions could take more of the items needed, I will gladly send them cards. There are still quite a few things which have not been taken. Everything must be sent to the Nordykes before Midyear Board Meetings which are the middle of February.

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do wish to imply—yes, even make the categorical statement—that nowhere else in all the churches with which we have been associated, have we found so great a percentage of the people who were so genuinely spiritual—that is, having a deep and profound reverence for God and regard for His commandments and so close a relationship with Christ our intermediary.

No doubt the question arises in your mind as you read, "Precisely how could you make this distinction? What about these people made you think they were so much more spiritual than others you have known?" The answer to these questions is simple, of course. These people combined their faith with action!

Christ left with us many commandments by which we might measure our relationship to Him. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35) "As I have loved you, that ye also love one another." (John 13:14b) "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 19:19b) "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." (Matthew 5:44) There are many others, and of course each individual Quaker must place himself up against these standards to see how well he compares. However, we found individual "beauty spots" who measured well with these standards. Many visited us displaying genuine interest. Others joined together in prayer that the Spirit might guide us to acceptance of the Savior. Some became sincere friends. All saw through our revelry and sinfulness to a soul that Christ loved. Then, one Wednesday evening we found ourselves in the Bible Study in a friend's home rather than the Wednesday night square dance to which we were accustomed. Because of the faithfulness of God to honor His promises, and because a few remained faithful to seek and do the will of God our family now enjoys the abundant spiritual life that Christ died to provide for us.

When our Yearly Meeting Board of Evangelism announced plans for the "Advance" program we were elated and encouraged because of the emphasis being placed upon calling and upon home Bible studies. Some people have been known to object to these activities because they were in conflict with

other activities and services of the church. These are the intended activities of the church! We have been commanded to go and to teach, and we are commanded to befriend, encourage, and admonish one another. If members in your church wish to conduct a Bible study in their home for people who are not in church, please do not hinder them, regardless of the hour or the day of the week. Perhaps your church could do nothing better in their service than to encourage and stand behind such a group in fervent prayer. There is absolutely no substitute for going out to the people who are lost and being a friend to them, both socially and by introducing them to the great love of the Savior. So many of our people would prefer to be productive and it seems we have not been trained in the things that make us productive.

As every train must have a track upon which to run and as every ship must have a harbor toward which to set its sail, we have to know something about where we are going too, and something about how we are to get there. It is the fervent prayer of many that the Advance program will provide such a format—one that will prove to be a guide to productivity. And yet, there is something greater than any "program." II Peter 1:8 says: "For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Yes, in our great Quaker heritage we have much spiritual substance. May God help us to return from "wasting our substance in a far country" and mend the fences, repair the buildings, and burn off the weeds from our heritage and restore it to beauty and productivity by a constant effort to seek and do the will of God. ●

SHARE

Have you had a SHARE in Tigard's new educational building—the latest project for Oregon Yearly Meeting's SHARE Program? If not, why not consider a \$2.00 gift (or multiple thereof) to help swell the response for this active and growing church ministering in the midst of Portland's vast growing fringe. Response to date (December 30) for the Tigard SHARE call totals \$2,020.00. Mail your gift to SHARE, P. O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

LISTEN LITTLE QUAKERS

By Marie Haines

WHAT HAPPENS TO HOWIE'S THINGS?

"HOWIE, Howie, come back here. You've got my sweater on," Max called to his brother.

"I can't find mine and Mom said I had to have a sweater," Howie yelled back.

"Howard," mother called, "Bring Max's sweater back."

"Here, take your old sweater," Howie threw it at Max. "What can I wear Mom?"

"Wear your jacket," mother offered.

"I don't know where it is either," Howie grumbled. "I wish people would leave my things alone."

"You left your jacket at Stevie's I bet," Max said.

"And probably your sweater is out in the back yard where you took it off last night," mother pointed out.

Howie grinned sheepishly. "Bring your tennis racket and hurry," Max called as he ran out the door.

"Wait, wait," Howie called frantically searching for his racket. "I can't find my racket. Here's May's. Can't I take hers Mom? She isn't using it this morning."

Mother shook her head. "Howie, you never know where your things are. I can't let you borrow May's racket unless she says you may. You'll probably find yours at someone else's place."

"I remember," Howie shouted back. "I left mine at Dan's when we went in the pool."

"I don't know what to do with Howie," Mother sighed as big sister came into the room. "His things are strung all over the neighborhood. He never knows where anything is but he is so happy and good natured, I haven't the heart to punish him too hard."

"I remember you used to hide my shoes and coat and things I left laying around," big sister laughed.

"But you didn't leave them anyplace but at home," mother said.

"I have an idea," big sister said. "Listen."

"It just might work," mother said after they had talked awhile. "Go ahead and try."

It seemed to Howie as if everyone was especially kind to him all week. Max loaned him swimming trunks when he couldn't find his. Daddy let him use his special hammer when his was lost. Big brother said, "Sure, you can wear my letter sweater." Even the

neighborhood boys willingly lent bats and balls and games.

"I guess it's because next week is my birthday," he thought to himself.

"How would you like a swimming party this year on your birthday Howie?" Mother asked. "Then, we will all come back here for a barbecue on the patio."

"That will be neat," Howie agreed enthusiastically.

For several days, mysterious bundles had been arriving which big sister hid in her closet.

The big day dawned bright and hot. After the boys had had their swim and were back in their shorts, they gathered on the patio. Big brother and sister brought out two clothes baskets full of packages. Howie's eyes popped. "All that for me!"

"Happy Birthday," everyone sang. Howie began to unwrap his packages.

"From Sam. You left these by the pool," he read as he unwrapped his old swimming trunks.

"Happy Birthday. You left this in our basement," he read as he unwrapped his hammer.

Howie's face got longer and longer as one after another he unwrapped the packages. Every single one was something he had left someplace. He looked ready to cry. Even mother began to feel sorry for him and whispered to big sister.

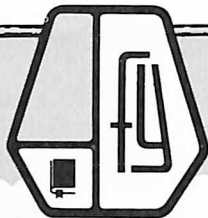
Big sister nodded and brought out another basket. "Here is your real birthday Buddy," she said.

Soberly, he opened the other packages. There was a music stand from mother, a saw from daddy, games, books, candy, things from the boys. Everything he wanted was there but still he was quiet.

"Thanks, everyone," he finally blurted out, "But I think the first baskets did me more good." Then, he began to laugh. Everyone laughed too. They laughed and laughed and sang "Happy Birthday, dear Howie," with a right good will. ●

POSTER and ESSAY CONTEST

Interested in creating a poster or writing an essay? Oregon Yearly Meeting's Board of Moral Action is announcing its annual Poster and Essay Contest in which any member or attendee of OYM Friends Churches, grade four through adult, may participate. For full contest rules, contact your local Moral Action Committee chairman.



"COMMITTED TO ADVANCE"

NEWS OF OYM FRIENDS YOUTH

INTRODUCING YOUTH ACCENT

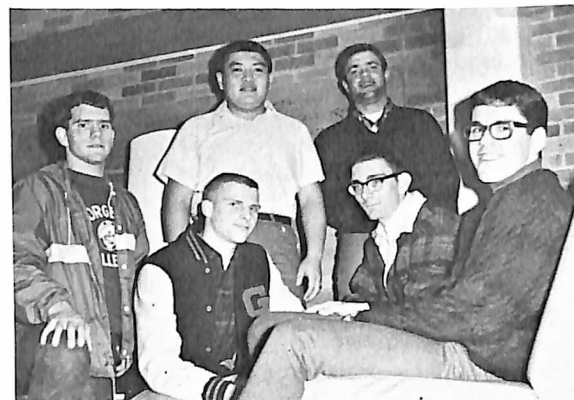
"THIS YEAR is going to be the most exciting year ever for Friends Youth," he said resolutely. So start January off right by hitting hard with an ADVANCE project. You are all fresh back from Cannon Beach, and now you can look forward to the new year instead of looking back on last year. A great FY year does not come from seeing if you can have the same parties this year as last year, or even the very same kids. Put a spark into your group by being on fire yourself. You can perhaps stimulate your group by writing a letter to Gary Macy and find out about getting a Youth Accent team to visit your area this year. Gary is the Youth Accent Coordinator for the Friends Youth of O.Y.M., and he can tell you all about Youth Accent.

HOW YOUTH ACCENT WORKS

By Gary Macy

Youth Accent is approaching its fourth successful year in conducting weekend youth evangelistic programs with different Friends Youth groups in Oregon Yearly Meeting. There has been excellent response from Christian students from George Fox College to be on the team this year, and they are now in preparation for anticipated meetings in 1967. Two teams already anxiously await the first Youth Accent weekend with Star Friends Church and Whitney Friends Church January 20, 21, and 22. All Whitney and Star Friends churches had to do the confirm a team to come to their church was simply to write a letter of request five weeks in advance to the Youth Accent Coordinator at the Oregon Yearly Meeting Friends Youth office. A Youth Accent Request Form was sent back to them on which they scheduled the program for the weekend.

The Youth Accent team members, though busy with studies and activities at the college, meet weekly to pray and plan for the meetings to be held. It is here, upon receipt of the Youth Accent Request



Above are a few members of the Youth Accent team. They are, from left to right, Wendell Pitts, Jozy Soon, Bob Sweat, Dwight Kimberly, Rick Bariger and Rick Raml.

Form, that the assignments are filled. Following the scheduling of a series, the local Friends Youth officers are informed, so advance materials can be sent out. Films are secured, parties are prepared for, and messages are readied.

A get-acquainted social time with games, stunts, and refreshments introduces the series—usually on Friday—followed by an introductory message. A film, banquet, or special feature highlights Saturday night's program, with a regular evangelistic service following. Sometimes the musical ability of some of the team members supplements the spoken word. Sunday is a full day, usually with some presentation in Sunday School, church, Friends Youth, and evening worship.

Variations in the pattern are special visitation programs on Saturday or Sunday afternoon, teen answer panels—whatever, YOU plan it. The goal is to make the week end profitable. In the end, the success of the meetings depends on the way the teens in the church pray, bring out unsaved friends, and obey God's voice in their own lives.

Want to grow in numbers? Want to ADVANCE spiritually? Youth Accent extends the evangelistic fervor from summer camps and Mid-Winter Convention to your local church. Youth Accent is available to YOU and is a method to reach your friends for Christ who never come to summer camps or to Mid-Winter Convention.

How about it? Your requests and comments are welcomed any time.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

Two churches gave special attention to helping others as results of special Thanksgiving services during November. CHERRY GROVE held a pre-Thanksgiving service on November 20, in charge of the FY and featuring a display of a horn of plenty, and message in song and story based on the song "Come Ye Thankful People." The climax of the program came when everyone in the congregation brought forward gifts of jam and jellies for the Vancouver Boys Academy, two members of which were present to tell of how they found Jesus as Saviour since coming there to live. Each member of the FY had part of the service. At ROSE VALLEY a "Share" service was held on November 22. Everyone brought canned goods to be given to the Salvation Army to distribute for Thanksgiving. Over 310 pounds were contributed. Ron Stansell, OYMFY Field Secretary, had charge of services at ROSE VALLEY in the morning and ROSEMERE FY the evening of December 4, telling of the ministry of FY. Jon Bishop assisted at ROSEMERE. Other guest speakers have inspired congregations during November and December: Ralph Elmer showed slides of the Holy Land November 13 at CHERRY GROVE; Pastor Kim and his Korean Children's Choir were special guests Sunday evening, November 27, at CHERRY GROVE presenting songs, scripture passages, pictures and stories of the work among Orientals in Portland; The Quentin Nordykes were at ROSEMERE Sunday morning December 4 with films, display and message of the work in Peru; and Miss Velma Jones of the Southwest Indian School, Arizona, brought the evening service at ROSEMERE December 4 telling of the work of the WGM among the American Indian. Fund-raising is in the news: ROSE VALLEY Martha Puckett WMU held a bake sale for their missionary projects, and ROSEMERE ladies held a Bazaar and Bake Sale December 9, proceeds from which will go toward the church organ and piano fund. FYers at ROSEMERE held a progressive dinner November 18, and a joint bowling party with OAK PARK December 3. CHERRY GROVE cooperated in the annual Union Thanksgiving service held at Brush Prairie Baptist Church on November 23. The Moody Science film "Dust or Destiny" was shown during family hour at ROSE VALLEY November 27; and at CHERRY GROVE, the film strip, "On The Beam," with a spiritual message illustrated by the remarkable navigational abilities of birds was shown November 6. ROSE VALLEY has a basketball team entered in the Kelso YMCA League.

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

Thanksgiving events in the Puget Sound area have included Thanksgiving Dinners at SEATTLE FRIENDS MEMORIAL November 18 with 140 people attending, and at TACOMA FIRST just before Thanksgiving. At least two churches participated in Union Thanksgiving Services—EVERETT, sponsored by the Snohomish County Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship whose president is pastor Calvin Hull, and FRIENDS MEMORIAL which participated in a community Thanksgiving service at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church. OYM's first school for Elders drew excellent attendance from elders of Puget Sound area. Good attendance was reported from TACOMA FIRST, HOLLY PARK (all 7 attended), and host church FRIENDS MEMORIAL. Another joint QM effort was in connection with FY when a special FY Leadership Conference was held at Quaker Cove. Eleven FYers from FRIENDS MEMORIAL and a good group from HOLLY PARK (the only two reporting the event) attended the sessions led by OYM FY exec. While in the area the OYMFY officers spoke in some of the services: Barbara Baker was guest speaker at FRIENDS MEMORIAL; Jon Bishop, Gary Macy and Charlene Campbell were at TACOMA FIRST. Guest speakers have included Lucian Behar at TACOMA'S Kingdom builders SS class November 13; Paul Mills, GFC Bible professor at TACOMA December 4; the Quentin Nordykes for EVERETT'S Missionary Sunday in November and Don and Liz Thayer of Everett Rescue Mission for both EVERETT services November 7. One of the highlights at FRIENDS MEMORIAL during November was the Loyalty Commitment Service conducted by the Stewardship and Finance committee at the evening service November 20. Twenty-one families turned in commitment forms pledging a total of \$1170 per month to the church budget. As a part of the activities scheduled for that Sunday, each person present in the Sunday morning service was presented with a copy of the paperback New Testament put out by the American Bible Society, "Good News for a New Age." The scriptures to be covered in that morning's message on Stewardship by Pastor Crisman were already marked for the convenience of all. HOLLY PARK has two fund-raising functions—both parties—one, a candy-making party for the FY November 25 to make candy to sell and thus help meet their budget. The other was a Mc Ness Party given by the Queen Esther WMU to help raise money for speakers and microphones. The WMU at TACOMA has been busy with projects, sending various materials to our missionaries, making baby clothes for the needy and clothing for Remann Hall for children from broken homes.

¶ FY activities have been numerous: On November 6 HOLLY PARK FY had charge of the evening service presenting a skit on one's standing at the judgment if Christ has not been accepted. TACOMA'S FY had an evening of skating and an after-church party was held for Senior FY at FRIENDS MEMORIAL on November 6. Also at FRIENDS MEMORIAL a new rally-type program has been inaugurated by the sponsors of the three youth groups to be held during the Wednesday evening Family Hour, called FY for Christ. ¶ Puget Sound QM was held at EVERETT. ¶ Turning to the men of the church, FRIENDS MEMORIAL has been holding a Friday morning men's Prayer Breakfast for fellowship and spiritual enrichment at Cindy's Chalet in the University district of Seattle with Phil Harmon and Clyde Miller spearheading the event. And at EVERETT Delbert Shipman gave highlights of the Quaker Men retreat in Pendleton in the November 26 evening service. ¶ This last item could be classified as a worthy idea: TACOMA'S Philadelphian SS class has chosen as a project to pay the church telephone bill each month!

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

A unique Christmas program was presented at TALENT this year according to plans given by reporter George Hartley. The Christmas story was presented through colored slides with the characters played by their own SS children aged 8-17. A narration accompanied the slides which were taken by Gerald Cronk and Florence Hartley. To quote reporter Hartley: "The advantage of this system is that it gets the hustle and bustle over before the program, and more can enjoy it in the quiet." ¶ Fifty-one people enjoyed a Harvest dinner at ASHLAND November 18 with Lloyd Lyda showing their pictures of their trip around the United States. HIGHLAND had a family night November 18 sponsored by the WMU. The event featured Julia and Howard Pearson with Julia bringing a challenging message on Christian compassion. ¶ A number of guest speakers have served during November: ROSEDALE had Jack and Geraldine Willcuts for the morning service November 20; Harold Harriman, a missionary from Bolivia showed slides and told of their work on Wednesday November 23; and Edward Harmon brought the message for the evening service November 20. At HIGHLAND David Myton of the GFC staff brought the Sunday morning message November 27 and the Quentin Nordykes spoke in SS and morning worship November 13. ¶ TALENT requests prayer for Elizabeth Smith, wife of the pastor, who is in poor health. Lillian Frazier, who suffered a severe automobile accident a year ago is reported back in services at HIGHLAND. ¶ Also at HIGHLAND a new junior FY has been organized under the leadership of Jim and Garyanna Linhart meeting each Sunday at 4:30. ¶ Lout and Gladys Hughes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 25. The evening event held at their home from six to nine o'clock was planned by their three children; Lenore Smitherman from Greenleaf, Idaho, and Leroy and Wendall Hughes from Booker, Texas. ¶ ASHLAND Christmas program was held December 21. ¶ ROSEDALE has been making improvements on their church basement, enclosing their furnace, installing a new exit door and building new steps.

BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

BOISE'S dream of a new church is coming closer to reality with their building committee meeting with their architect Don Lindgren November 5. Another event at BOISE November 5 was a progressive dinner sponsored by the Builders SS class with 21 people participating. A dinner in connection with the Advance program was held at NAMPA November 11. ¶ Two QM functions were held at NAMPA November 7—a Christian Education Rally and a QM Ministers Luncheon. Howard E. Harmon, president of the OYM Board of Christian Education and General Superintendent Jack Willcuts were speakers for both events. ¶ A class in "Churchmanship" under the direction of pastor Robert Morrill was held at NAMPA in December during the FY hour. Lela Morrill, the pastor's wife, is convalescing from recent surgery. ¶ In charge of the Wednesday evening service November 9 at NAMPA was Harold Harriman of the WGM work in Bolivia. ¶ Christmas events at Nampa included a program "To All People" given Sunday evening December 18, and a vesper service Christmas day. ¶ BOISE surprised their pastor and family with a food shower following evening services on November 20.

PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

More Thanksgiving dinners: Sixty people attended a dinner at HILLSBORO November 16 for which Virginia Helm presented her reading on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving baskets were presented for two families. At PIEDMONT, members and attenders met for a Thanksgiving potluck dinner on November 22. ¶ Harold Clark and Richard Phillips, of MAPLEWOOD, took "The Maplewood Story" to the NEWBERG Friends Church for opening of their SS recently, presenting their building project. ¶ Christmas events have included a Christmas program at HILLSBORO, December 18 in the late afternoon followed by fellowship and refreshments; at Piedmont Julia Pearson, OYM WMU president was guest speaker at their Christmas WMU party. ¶ Robert Geyer held special revival meetings at MAPLEWOOD November 27-December 4 while at PARKROSE Dr. and Mrs. Eldon Fuhrman held special evangelistic services November 4-6. It was reported that many made definite decisions for Christ at the church's altar. ¶ Jacob Paul, a pastor from Malaysia studying at WES, was at the MAPLEWOOD church for SS and morning worship one Sunday in November. Guests in charge of the service in HILLSBORO December 11 were the Gideons. ¶ PIEDMONT reports preparation for the Home Bible Studies as part of OYM'S Advance program. ¶ Mildred Beals of NEWBERG is conducting a SS Teacher Training course during the winter quarter at HILLSBORO held an hour before the regular Sunday evening services. Young people from PARKROSE, along with some oldsters, held a week end outing at Twin Rocks November 25 and 26 planned by the Senior FY.

GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

The news from CALDWELL this month centers on their most successful Missionary Conference held November 25-27. Among the participants were OYM

missionaries Paul and Martha Puckett. Paul showed pictures and brought the evening message following an "Aymara" supper and Martha spoke to 40 women at a ladies tea in the afternoon. Other speakers included Jack Willcuts who spoke for the men's breakfast, moderated a panel discussion by missionaries and brought the Sunday morning message. Harold Harriman, WGM Bolivian missionary, spoke Saturday and Sunday evenings and for the SS hour as well as taking part in the panel. Interesting display tables, costumes and articles used by natives, colored slide presentations of various missionfields, and a tape recording from the Richard Cadd family in the Philippines helped to make the conference a meaningful experience. Climax of the entire three days was the revelation that \$3001.00 were promised in the Faith Promise for Missions program. ¶ ONTARIO'S meetings with Herschel Thornburg, November 13-20, were climaxed by a turkey dinner with guests not only enjoying the meal, but special vocal and instrumental numbers. Herschel's meetings were greatly blessed of the Lord according to reporter Trudy McCracken. ¶ At GREENLEAF, the Academy Auxiliary's annual baked bean and sliced ham supper was held November 29 with 200 people attending. Proceeds will go to Auxiliary-sponsored Academy projects. ¶ Various improvements in the ONTARIO church building have greatly enhanced their property. The WMU has undertaken the project of tiling the floors in two newly remodeled SS classrooms. The walls have also been painted and they are outfitting the nursery room. Additional improvements have included carpeting the sanctuary and remodeling and improving of the heating plant. ¶ Quaker Men of the QM met at GREENLEAF November 14 to help promote the work of Terryl Hibbs in Colombia, S. A. ¶ Other events at GREENLEAF have included their SS Christmas Program, December 18; a Christmas cantata December 21; and the film "Jungle Airlift" following the evening message on November 20. ¶ The evening service at ONTARIO December 4 was a Singspiration.

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

QUINCY reports 30 percent increase in SS attendance over this same time last year. They also report other progress notes: A Junior FY is creating excitement among younger Friends with eight regular attenders, and an Adult Study Group is meeting each Sunday during the FY hour. This is helping to involve entire families in Sunday evening worship. SPOKANE had 20 people in attendance at QM held November 11 and 12 at HAYDEN LAKE. ¶ New at SPOKANE is a College-Age SS class taught by Carol Lee. ¶ And as a special Advance event at SPOKANE the church gave a pre-Holiday Social on December 2 for all new families that have started to attend the church since the beginning of the Advance program. ¶ While pastor Walter Lee was holding special meetings at EAST WENATCHEE, guest speakers at SPOKANE included Paul Puckett on November 13 and Floyd Dunlap, former pastor, on November 20. Guest speaker for a week's series of meetings at QUINCY was Roy Clark. They also had Dale Field during the second week of December. ¶ As one pre-Christmas activity, an Adult Progressive Dinner was held at QUINCY. ¶ In an attempt to understand other Christian faiths, QUINCY'S Senior

FYers have been following the theme "Who Are Our Neighbors?"

NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

Several Thanksgiving events highlighted November at NEWBERG. On November 20 a play, "The Lost Church," was presented at the opening of SS; on November 22 an all-church potluck was enjoyed, the first such event in their newly remodeled social hall. The following evening, November 23, people from many of NEWBERG'S churches received their first glimpse of the newly-remodeled sanctuary when the Union Thanksgiving Service was held at the NEWBERG church. Burton C. Bastuscheck of the First Methodist Church brought the message and the NEWBERG choir sang two anthems. ¶ NETARTS and NEHALEM BAY were busily engaged in a SS Contest during November with NEHALEM winning the first three Sundays and NETARTS the last Sunday. The last day, November 27, the two churches went together for a potluck at Twin Rocks. A film was shown in the afternoon. ¶ Guest speakers have included Barbara Baker who showed slides of the Holy Land at NEHALEM BAY November 13. She was accompanied by Phyllis Brown who sang for the service and by Nancy Forsythe and Shirley Mewhinny. On November 20 Quentin and Florene Nordyke had charge of the morning service. ¶ Opening the Christmas season the cantatas "Everlasting Joy" and "The Christmas Crib" were presented by NEWBERG'S Sanctuary Choir on Sunday evening, December 4, directed by Harlow Ankeny with Janet Lyda as organist.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

SHARP-COPELAND—James Sharp and Marycarol Copeland, both from Ashland, were united in marriage November 24, at the Ashland Friends Church. FIELDHOUSE-HESTER—Richard Ronald Fieldhouse and Merideth K. Hester were married at Newberg Friends Church on November 11 with Orville Winthers performing the ceremony.

BIRTHS

LUND—To Clair and Dorothy Lund, a son, Stephen Eugene, born November 26, 1966. SNOW—To Jack and Marynette Snow of Portland, Oregon, a daughter, Elisa Janette, born October 26. WALLACE—To Bill and Patsy Wallace of Tacoma, a daughter, Sheri Lee, born November 24.

DEATHS

McINDOO—Ray McIndoo passed away November 26 at Caldwell. Ray was the father of Mrs. Mahlon Macy who came from Minnesota for the services. FICH—Mrs. Louisa Fich, a charter member of Rosemere, passed away November 27. Services were held in Vancouver November 29 with Ed Cammack and Esther White officiating. CAMPBELL—Dorothy M. Campbell, 53, passed away November 16. Services were conducted on November 19 with Charles S. Ball, Milo Ross, and Charles Beals officiating. HARDING—Nellie Harding passed away December 1 in a rest home at Tacoma.

ADVANCE

Through a Bible Study "Our family now enjoys the abundant spiritual life."

SEVERAL years ago in central Texas we had a friend who inherited a ranch that had been a possession of the family for many years. This ranch was beautiful and productive. The buildings were in good repair. The fences were good and constantly well maintained. It lay along a fertile river valley against the wooded hills. Many times have we seen and heard this man stand back and view with pride this "great family heritage."

Soon, however, the buildings needed paint, the fences were down in spots, the weeds had grown up to distort the beauty, and the soil was generally unproductive except for a few isolated spots that were involuntarily sub-irrigated and which remained beautiful and productive despite the poor stewardship of the new owner of the estate. The deterioration had taken place so gradually, however, our friend could not see the difference and still viewed with pride his "great family heritage" even though there was slight resemblance between the ranch that now existed and the thing of beauty which had been given him so few years before.

Frequently, we hear some of our friends speak, with a great deal of pride, about "our great Quaker heritage". Somehow, I can't help but wonder if there isn't some resemblance between us and our Texas friend. And yet, being Quaker converts of recent years, no one realizes more vividly than we the rich heritage we have in the Friends Church.

At a rather early age, I became somewhat dissatisfied with the "philosophies of men" being advanced by the church I attend-

By Pheral Dodson

Pheral Dodson, shown here as he spoke to the Friends who attended the Bible study workshop at First Friends, Portland, is a hospital administrator at Ontario, Oregon.



ed. Soon I was a church-hopper going from church to church seeking for one which taught, and whose members lived, the Scripture. I attended many and studied the doctrines of many others including instruction in Roman Catholicism. As so frequently happens in this confused condition, I abandoned what faith I had. Then, after several years it was out of this state of affairs that the Spirit led us to our initial association with our friends in the Quaker Church. Here we found individuals who had added to their faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity and who lived Christlike lives in their relationship with their fellow men and who proved to be neither barren nor unfruitful. Of course we do not wish to imply that we have a monopoly on spirituality or that other churches are not teaching according to the instructions in the scripture. However, we

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