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Jerry Sandoz and a group of Vietnamese young men work together on a new building.

YOUTH ISSUE

YOUTH AMBASSADORS -- RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

By Ron Stansell

QUAKERS IN THE Northwest are launching the sixth consecutive year of the Youth Ambassador program. Under the direction of Jack Willcuts and an administrative committee, collegians will be assigned to local Friends churches of Oregon Yearly Meeting for the three summer months in a variety of service opportunities. The program is geared primarily for collegians with at least one year of college, although high school seniors have twice been accepted. Application forms may be secured from Jack Willcuts, Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132. Assignments will be made in April and May.

In the last three years, more spectacular "foreign" Youth Ambassador assignments have been made to mission fields in Africa and the Far East (Lonny Fendall), Mexico (Mary Bel Cammack), Bolivia, Peru, and Guatemala (Charles Mylander, Ron Stansell, and Ron Allen). Last summer Barbara Baker visited Friends in England and Ireland. Others are currently serving alternate service overseas as Youth Ambassadors.

Yet the real "meat" of the Youth Ambassador program remains the same: a sum-

mer of volunteer service in local Friends churches. (It is perhaps significant that five foreign Youth Ambassadors spent at least one summer in a local church as a Youth Ambassador first.) The needs, the diversity of demands, and the heart throb of the local church requires the very best of our youth. Again and again, returning Youth Ambassadors remark on the complex and yet exciting job of working with a pastor, being accepted by the church as an adult, being regarded as an example to other young people, but also learning to do menial tasks so often overlooked.

As always, the Youth Ambassadors for next summer will begin their service with a workshop in early June, briefing them on their responsibilities. They will then travel to their assignments, staying a full three months, and in most cases will hold a full-time job, using free time for the work of the church. Contact is maintained between Yearly Meeting headquarters and the Youth Ambassadors during the three months.

After five years of the Youth Ambassador program, it is revealing to see what has become of Youth Ambassador "alumni." In

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THIS ISSUE

Again this year, the February issue of the *Northwest Friend* features the youth of our church. A major section is given to the young men working in overseas alternate service programs since this is a new dimension of our Yearly Meeting Conscientious Objector witness. By highlighting these men is not to minimize the testimony and contribution being made by many of the Christian young men of our church engaged in C.O. alternate service work in the United States.

Appreciation is expressed to Lonny Fendall, Assistant Editor, for his work in this issue including his challenging editorial on the next page.

Never have we had a better group of youth. They are not only an encouragement for the future of Friends, they are indeed already active in Church life and Christian witness to this "now" generation.

—J. L. W.

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Editorial

'This Is the Way...'

ONE OF OUR discussions at the Snow Seminar became especially practical as we thought together about the selection of vocations and God's guidance in our life work. The panel members each admitted to some uncertainty about their ultimate life work, but nevertheless presented some stimulating thoughts on this vital subject.

As Christian youth think and pray together, they frequently discuss God's will in the selection of vocations. It is in this area that adults can be of the greatest help or hindrance to the serious Christian young person. Around this choice revolves his future spiritual growth and usefulness. As he is obedient to God's leading at each juncture of his early life, unlimited spiritual blessing will be available to flow to him and through him. Hesitations and disobedience hinder this flow and ultimately cut off the source of life.

Hurrying along the sidewalk on a pre-Christmas errand, I met a friend from high school days who in reply to questioning about his work, said, "Oh, I'm working in a plant in Portland as a welder. I don't like it much, but it pays well." Every time I hear this said (which is all too often), I am reminded that the personal and direct guidance of an omniscient Holy Spirit is one of Christianity's greatest assets.

One need not single out the outpost pastor who might say, "The pay's not very high, but I love the work." The point is that the Christian will be doing some of the same things others are unhappy at—welding, farming, teaching, or assembling planes. Whenever difficulties or boredom arise he has the assurance that this is where God wants him now, and he would rather be there than anywhere else in the world.

As adults give encouragement and counsel to youth seeking a vocation, they will of course help them to understand their abilities and interests and look ahead to the training requirements and destination of any immediate goal. Above all, however, they must help youth to focus on God's will for their own life. This is one of the most lonely decisions there is. Others' suggestions or aspirations, be they pastors, parents, or college advisors are significant but not ultimately decisive. The person must be able to say to himself as he applies to the college admissions office or personnel manager of a firm, "This is what God wants me to do. He alone can see ahead. He alone knows what I can do of greatest eternal significance. He alone can see how this one step will fit into the total pattern of my life."

I question the assumption that God has any priority in vocations. It's fine to test our dedication by asking if we are willing to undertake some difficult work, being a missionary or whatever, but does God have a list of vocations to be undertaken by the most spiritual people? I doubt it. What does rank at the top is God's perfect will for each person—whatever it is. Anyone not in "full time service" vocations defending this principle becomes suspect. Call it rationalization if you like, but God only wants us. He the master vocational guidance counselor will then make the assignments. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isaiah 30:21.

—LWF



One of the recent developments of the Oregon Yearly Meeting Board of Peace and Service has been its alternate service program overseas. Working with several agencies, the conscientious objectors are privileged to serve their country in constructive efforts, even in war zones, such as work among refugees in Viet Nam as typified by picture at left. The following articles were written from their points of service by these seven young men: Jamie Sandoz, Nepal; Fred Gregory, Viet Nam; Ron Palmer, Bolivia; Terry Hibbs, Colombia; Jerry Sandoz, Viet Nam; Jon Newkirk, Viet Nam; and Harold Thomas, Guatemala.

FRIENDS YOUTH SERVE THEIR WORLD

THE LAND of Nepal is a country that has seen very little change over the last 10 or 20 centuries, until just recently. Only since the early 1950's has this country been readily open to foreigners of any nationality. Even today, 15 years later, the majority of the country is quite backward and underdeveloped compared to the "modern" nations. Yet Nepal is an awakening nation—slowly but surely pulling and putting itself together—both by its own initiative and by the help and co-operation of the people of dozens of different nations all over the globe.

One of the earliest "aid" programs in this newly-opened land was a group of missions (mostly with work in India) that banded together to form the United Mission to Nepal.

They originally started with one medical project in the capital city of Kathmandu—with just a handful of workers, and have now expanded to include educational, agricultural, and technical projects as well as expanding their medical outreach. The UMN has now grown to 24 supporting missionary organizations with over 120 people on the field in 10 projects spread all over Nepal.

It is my privilege of being given the job of head technician of the clinical laboratory in the United Mission Medical Center at Shanta Bhawan. This medical project is the largest the UMN has in Nepal. It is a composite of two old places remodelled to provide 135 beds and a fairly complete range of medical services. I do some teaching—both in instructing beginners in basic laboratory

skills and in helping those who have been "in the business" for some time in brushing up on their techniques and learning new procedures. I also have taught a course on microbiology in our nurses training school. I try to do my share of lab work on our heavy days and my share of Sunday duty and night calls.



Jamie Sandoz teaching Pramod Chandra Rai the skills of operating a microscope in the medical laboratory.

A lot of my work is pretty unglamorous. It is my duty to take care of the administrative side of keeping the lab within its budget, well stocked, and running as smoothly as possible. I must often act as a liaison between the lab and the doctors and nurses to help in mutual understanding. My work would not go as smoothly as it does were it not for the help of a very good staff. I have working with me at Shanta Bhawan four Nepalese men and one Indian lady.

Two of my biggest problems are in getting enough blood for our surgical and medical patients and the time involved in getting quality products for our lab. The problem of getting voluntary blood donors in Nepal is acute. The biggest hurdle to overcome is fear: fear of physical pain or discomfort; and fear of the unknown brought about by a lack of education in what is involved; mostly because this is an entirely new concept in the Nepalese culture. Because Kathmandu is so far away from the main trading and manufacturing centers of the world and is still relatively inaccessible it is very time consuming, expensive, and difficult to get quality products here. The custom rules and regulations of the Nepal Government are quite cumbersome so I must figure on up to 6 weeks to get a shipment from the States by air and 3 to 4 months to get it here by surface, after I finally have got all the import licenses and permissions necessary to be allowed to have the order shipped to me

in the first place.

I have learned to work within this structure and have found life here quite enjoyable. I've never had a dull moment since I came and have had the opportunity to do some traveling and have seen a good bit of India and Nepal.

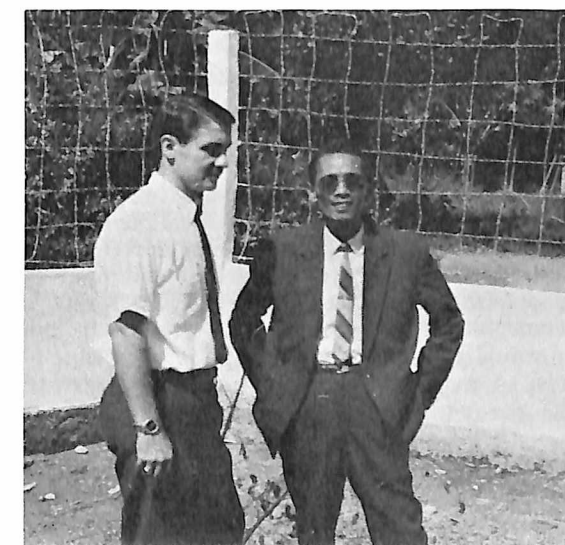
Please do pray that the Lord will continue to have His hand on the work of the United Mission in Nepal.

—Jamie Sandoz

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After spending eight weeks of language study in Saigon, I was assigned to the Vietnam Christian Service unit in the city of Quang Ngai, Vietnam. My specific assignment has been to expand and develop a refugee feeding program for children in Quang Ngai province, where there are approximately 80,000 refugees in 53 refugee camps.

The unit here, of which I am a member, is made up of two nurses working in public health, two people in community development, one in social work, and myself in the feeding program. Even though we each have different and specific jobs, we are obviously closely related in the overall program. Our approach is that the feeding program enters an area first to try and establish good working relationships with the people, and then these other aspects of the program are introduced as needed. So far most of our work has been centered in actual camps, but there are many refugees scattered in the villages and the countryside who also are in need of various types of assistance and whom we also hope to work with in the future.



Fred Gregory talking with the Provincial Refugee minister, Mr. Quang, one of the local administrators with whom he works.

A part of my work is contacting the various government and camp officials concerning the establishing of our work in the different areas. After getting the various clearances and making sure that the people involved want what we have to offer, then I along with our field director work out the actual mechanics of the program which varies from camp to camp. As is the case of any program anywhere there are lots of routine matters that need constant attention and a lot of time is spent with these. Life and its many routines need attention in Vietnam too.

Our basic aims and objectives are not to portray the "great white father with the bottomless basket" image, but to try to give assistance as needed and provide some initiative for these people to become once again self-sufficient, and independent. This process is for sure not a one way street, for in order to teach, one must first be willing to learn, and perhaps change himself. At times our job seems almost overwhelming, but at those moments where we realize that we have learned a little or taught a little, it all seems worth it.

—Fred Gregory

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For several years I have wondered what I could do for my CO work when I graduated from George Fox College. Many ideas and thoughts entered my mind. About a year ago, I received a challenge to go to Vietnam. With much prayer, I accepted the challenge and am now serving a 27-month term in Vietnam. After a two month language course in Saigon with the Vietnam Christian Service, I was assigned to work with the N.A.E. World Relief Commission in Hue, as their Business Administrator. Hue is the old capital city of the Ancient Empire, before the French took over. It is a very beautiful city, located on the coast about 60 miles south of North Vietnam's border.

We have three major programs here in Hue. One is a Food-For-Work Program in which the refugees work on our farm (located about five miles from town) and are paid in food commodities. I believe that this is a much better plan than just giving out the commodities. It gives the people an incentive to work rather than become a ward of the government.

Our second program is a Christian Lay Leadership Training School. The refugees have been building the buildings and facilities as part of their Food-For-Work Program. At this writing, we hope to begin classes in various aspects of agriculture,

woodworking, metalworking, child care, etc. by February. We want to teach skills to the refugee people here as well as help educate Christian leaders of tomorrow.

Our third program is the distribution of used clothing given by Christian people in America. In this program we get a list of the needy families in a village from the local pastor, and make up a bundle of clothing for each family. Then we go to the village and hold a short service, telling them of the love of Christ and the desire of the Christian people in America to help them. We pass out each family's bundle along with a Gospel of Luke, written in Vietnamese.

My main responsibilities here are to keep the financial and commodities accounts for WRC and to make monthly statements to New York. I also am in charge of our warehouse and work receiving shipments. This means that I must go to DaNang (about 50 miles south of Hue—a 30 minute flight) periodically to get a shipment from the docks and on an airplane to Hue. I also will be going up to Khe Sanh (near the border of Laos and North Vietnam) about once a month to take inventories at our extension project there. I also go along with our Vietnamese co-workers to the more secure villages, to help in the clothing distribution. Many villages are not safe for Americans, so I cannot go to them.

I am enjoying my work very much and feel the everyday presence of the Lord in my life. God has been good to us here, and I ask your prayers for our continued protection and blessing in our work.

—Jerry Sandoz

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"I prayed that God would work a miracle," the señora told us, "So that I could read the Bible. Now, ALFALIT has come, and praise God, I can read His work." Indeed, Bolivia requires miracles like this. Seventy percent of her people still walk in the darkness of illiteracy. The ALFALIT (Alphabetization-Literacy-Program) movement is a means which I believe God is using to meet urgent needs of Bolivians: the economic, political, and social necessities in this modern age for literacy—and above all, the cry of hearts to be able to read the scriptures and grow in Christ.

ALFALIT is an evangelical movement—evangelism through literacy education and distribution of Christian literature. I feel that my involvement in a "revolutionary" work like ALFALIT represents one of the exciting opportunities available for alternative service. ALFALIT's methods are

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Ron Palmer and Augusto Román, the Executive Secretary of ALFALIT Boliviano, examine the ALFALIT Primer Bolivia.

rooted in Christian love and concern, which can bring success where other literacy efforts have failed. The ALFALIT teachers are volunteers, dedicated to helping the oft-frustrated adult to achieve the skills of reading and writing. Afterwards, the new literate is encouraged to join his neighbors in "Circles of Readers" to improve his skills and broaden his horizons.

The results of helping "blind eyes to see" have already been far-reaching. Shame fades, life becomes more abundant. Wells are dug, cattle breeding improved, new seeds sown. A union leader of San Pedro in the Yungas, antagonistic to the Gospel, found Christ in an ALFALIT course and joined a local church. The church was completely re-vitalized and its membership doubled as the result of this man's life and witness. Other churches have found their life renewed as the result of literacy work. Even pastors find they have to preach better when their congregations learn to read!

Three of us work as a team full-time in the ALFALIT movement. My own responsibilities are centered in the Oriente, including the Santa Cruz, Beni, and Pando provinces. Since we are still pioneering in this work, it is necessary to do such fundamental tasks as finding and establishing relations with churches scattered all over the hinterland (ALFALIT is interdenominational) setting up channels of communication and distribution, and taking censuses to discover where the illiterates live. ALFALIT's efforts are catalytic—directed toward the recruitment of promoters in each local church, the training of voluntary teachers, the provision of ideas and materials, and the conducting of local literacy campaigns. We also hold workshops to encourage writing talent and to produce Christian literature for new literates.

The balloon of illiteracy will not be popped over night here. But it is interesting to help let the air out.

—Ron Palmer

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"Terry, how would you like to go out to Stolte's tribe for a couple of weeks? Nancy's (Mrs. Stolte) sister has been killed in a car accident in Minnesota. If you don't go, her husband will have to come to the Base as he can't stay there alone with little Johnny. He needs to do more language work if he can before he comes out," said the Branch Director. I was working on the plane that was going out and it hadn't occurred to me that I would be asked to go. I was thrilled at the prospect of flying but saddened about the reason for the trip.

The other mechanic finished the work on the plane and I went to pack. Within twenty-five minutes after being asked, we were winging our way to the Barasano tribe close



Teryl Hibbs, on the left with fellow Wycliffe Bible Translator workers.

to the Brazilian border in the trackless jungle. Two and a half hours later we landed and I was greeted by the friendly Indians. After unloading and refueling the plane, it was on its way with Mrs. Stolte and I realized that radio and airplane had made possible the previously impossible. The two and a half hours from the Base would have taken two months by river and jungle trail. Mrs. Stolte with her baby were in Minnesota in three days.

The gnats also greeted me on arrival. They usually started about dawn and put in a full day until about 9:00 p.m. The Indian men clad in their 'G' strings and the women in their skirts would stand around the walls, and in the doors to watch, point, and laugh. We and our ways are quite a sight for them. They are the most curious folk that I have

ever seen. They stuck their fingers into everything that we ate. They seemed to like everything except our oatmeal, and this caused them to gag every time. Our food appealed to them more than theirs to me, for when it came to toasted ants and huge juicy grubs I reacted as they did to oatmeal.

I had many more experiences as my stay lasted for nearly three weeks. Some were humorous and some made one see how the Lord takes care of those who love and serve Him.

—Teryl Hibbs

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Not long ago I listed directions for giving antibiotics to the four flocks of laying hens in Jocotán. Because I couldn't be in Jocotán at the time I had to be exact. I wrote down the directions quickly, then thought—"What about Aquilino?" I then added, "Remind him not to pour the entire bottle into the water all at once. Make sure he understands!" In addition, "I know he won't understand my previous directions, so. . . ." And I made them as simple as was possible. Aquilino is a Chortí Indian who neither reads nor writes, and who understands very little Spanish.

In my alternative service as Conscientious Objector here in Guatemala I work both with the Chortí Indians and in maintenance and repair of mission equipment. But most of my time goes to the Indian work. This expanded effort to better the economic life of this tribe is largely the work of Homer and Evelyn Sharpless, self-supporting agricultural missionaries of California Yearly Meeting. Right now for me this work includes overseeing four flocks of hens, helping one of the Indian men set up a feed store, advising on various projects, and always being available to talk over specific problems the men bring. This involves a lot of hiking, frequent trips to the capital, looking for professional advice, and hours of talking. Although I am not doing it now I have also taught regular classes in reading and leatherwork.

Besides this I have the opportunity to serve in the Jocotán Church and in the Mission as Youth Ambassador. Various times I have gone with the pastor and others from the church in Jocotán to evangelize and hold services in different villages. Last August I helped the youth of the church to organize. We have had as few as four and as high as fifty persons in our Thursday night meetings. I ask your prayer that we may find a consistently effective outreach among the youth of Jocotán. Too, along with the McNichols I

am trying to organize a Youth Center among the young Indian fellows. I have especially appreciated the chance to work with the missionaries here, to face the many problems of a Mission right along with them, to take part in finding solutions, and to begin thinking in a new way about purposes and methods of Missions.

Although I have listed some of the things I am doing here in Guatemala the two qualities I mentioned in the beginning better describe them. Those two qualities of being patient and making everything as simple as possible.

—Harold Thomas

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We arrived in Viet Nam on September 18 after two weeks in Akron, Pennsylvania and three days in Hong Kong. We entered language study which lasted for two months with a trip to Hue in the middle. Language study is held in Saigon and consists of six-hour days, half of which are spent with a tutor. In the two months we learned to ask directions, prices, and a few other things, plus pronunciation.

Following language study I filled in as maintenance man for the Saigon area. This is a temporary assignment until a permanent job opens. My work has mainly consisted of catching up on leaky faucets and other plumbing needs. Have you ever tried to install a faucet when it was impossible to turn off the water and there was about 150 lbs. water pressure? No shower that evening. I also serviced all the vehicles and did repairs when they were needed. I set up a workshop in one of our warehouses here. While in themselves these are nothing spectacular they were needed services and I was available. During this time I accompanied shipments to Nhatrang and Pleiku. These are both medical projects and I enjoyed getting to see the country and visiting these projects.

My permanent assignment should open soon. Viet Nam Christian Service has experienced growing pains increasing from 10 to 70 personnel in the last year. There are three possibilities for me. I will either work as a medical lab technician with one of the medical teams, work in the refugee feeding and education program in Kontum in the Central Highlands, or be in charge of property renewal and vehicle maintenance for all our projects in Viet Nam. Things are slowly fitting into place and I will be placed in the next week or so. Your prayers are much requested for our work here.

—Jonathan Newkirk

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Marjorie Hadley, a journalism major at the University of Oregon, has attended First Friends Church, Portland, since her birth.

YOUTH AND THE CHURCH - A Partnership

By Marjorie Hadley

THE PARTNERSHIP between the traditional church establishment and the Christian college age youth is on shaky ground. The parties involved in a partnership must communicate effectively, must understand and accept each other, and must share common goals. The youth, in contrast, instead of feeling a vital sense of unity with the church and its program, is at times more apt to feel that they live in two different worlds. The strained relations between these two parties must be improved and a real sense of partnership restored. To let the relationship continue as at present would be disastrous for both, a realization which has recently prompted significant efforts to set up dialogue between the two. The youth must be convinced that the "different worlds" in which the two live are really one, and that he is yet allowed within the institution to help each reach common goals.

The youth's world moves fast. The key words are progress and change. In his world new discoveries and theories shatter traditional ideas every day, and he must be prepared to change his present concepts as they are contradicted by new evidence. Whatever his field, the youth of "now generation" constantly seeks new methods for solving problems, and studies new ideas and theories. Whether he grapples with the overpopulation problem through research on birth control or through study of better housing programs for crowded cities, he realizes that the solutions he finds are temporary, and will soon be replaced by something new. He may be learning to deal with the emotional problems of those who can't cope with today's pressures, or trying to understand how morals and ethics relate to the lives of the space generation, and readily listens to new proposals and philosophies.

When this scrutinizing progressive thinker looks at the church, he often feels that in this world progress comes to a grinding halt. The structure and tradition of the institution seem in themselves insurmountable. Old procedures appear to continue not so much because they have proved effective as meth-

ods for uniting Christians in their desire to take Christ into the pressing areas of need in society, but because this is how things have always been. Church members convene on Sunday morning. The hymns are sung and the sermon given. Prayer meeting comes around on Wednesday and the choir meets afterwards. The Christian youth may foresee that this whole routine should soon be abandoned in favor of procedures more closely tied to society's needs, but when he proposes any new adaptations or change he often gets a polite hearing and little action. Tradition and habit still govern most methods and procedures.

Tradition also governs attitudes and beliefs. The church seems to continually reaffirm the same beliefs without examining them in relation to either today's problems or new philosophies and ethical theories. These new theories are usually condemned even before being openly discussed. They are seldom examined in order to understand the new problems with which they cope or the basic needs which prompted their development. They are seldom used as a means for evaluating the effectiveness of church programs, church life and Christian philosophy as practiced by Friends today. The church instead tends to avoid consideration of new ideas or to approach them with an almost fearful hesitancy.

The youth sees the contrast between his world and the church's. He can understand the tendency for the church to cling to old ways and is thankful for the protection of the basic tenets of the Christian faith. He believes that their basic goals, to share Christ's power and love with others and to relate Christianity to the problems of society, are the same. Yet he still feels that the church's present system and her traditional attitudes toward particular issues and toward many new theories no longer provide the best means for reaching these goals. He feels that they will best be reached if he, as adequately prepared as possible in his field and as informed as possible on new developments in society, is flexible enough to try new ap-

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Snow Seminar

NEW YEAR'S weekend found about 25 college-age youth from different parts of the Yearly Meeting gathering for Snow Seminar at Camp Arrah Wana. Following the schedule of a similar conference last year, the emphasis was on new trends in a number of fields the collegian deals with. Fitting in with the theme, "Collegians and the New Generation," four talks were given dealing with the "new" psychology, theology, morality and technology.

Grant Martin, psychologist for several schools in the suburban Tacoma, Washington district, discussed the recent emphasis in psychology on dealing with unacceptable behavior itself, rather than following the traditional pattern of delving into the past causes of symptoms. He expressed a concern for pastors to seek more training in the behavioral sciences. One of the problems Christians face, he said, is to retain our moral absolutes but at the same time develop an accepting attitude to be able to help people with needs.



The presentation on the "New Theology" was made by Jack Willcuts. While he confessed he found difficulty in following the arguments of the "God is dead" theologians, he challenged the collegians to face up to the liberal thinking of the day and counter skepticism with solid faith in the Scripture and the tenets of evangelicalism. He deplored that the headline-rating heterodox ideas were coming from the religious professionals. He likened this type of Christianity without Christ to a marriage without a mate.

Dr. Myron Goldsmith followed with a discussion of the "New Morality." His conclusions in evaluating the "situation ethics" have been that it is workable only for the redeemed person. "Agape" love, a concept certainly Scriptural, is not available to the one who does not love God. The new moralists frequently create hypothetical situations which supposedly show that genuine love for God and one's fellow man will require occasional violations of the moral and religious law as we know it. Dr. Goldsmith insisted that these situations are quite artificial. Our limited knowledge makes it very difficult to know what really is best for all concerned.

Daniel Roberts, fourth year student at the University of Oregon Medical School, presented his ideas on the new technology. He reviewed the advances of the past century, particularly in medicine, to show something of what we ought to anticipate in the coming years. In summarizing the problems thinking Christians will be presented with by an accelerating technology, he drew on his own experiences in medical training. Having been instrumental in reviving a supposedly dead person, he showed how we will be asked to determine who does and who does not live, as methods of prolonging life indefinitely become more advanced. He said we will be increasingly involved in controlling the use of drugs and determining what is abuse. It will also be our responsibility to so interpret Scripture that unwarranted dogma is not formed. In the tradition of Johns Hopkins and Joseph Lister, Quaker youth should be at the leading edges of technological advance, guiding it into areas which will be helpful to all mankind, he concluded.

Many other discussions were carried on during the two days, balanced by the times for relaxation and tube-sledding on Mt. Hood. While the camp itself was not blanketed by snow as last year, the feeling seemed to be that Snow Seminar was very helpful for these college students and working youth. ●

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GFC Missions Conference

By Nancy Forsythe

FROM THE DARK jungles of Africa to the snow-capped peaks of Alaska. . . from the misty rain forests of the Amazon to the crowded tenements of Hong Kong . . . from the muddy rivers of India to the familiar streets of Newberg, this week you can be "Where the Action Is!" The portentous voice filled the chapel, arousing the wonder of students and faculty alike and thus officially announcing the 1967 missions conference at George Fox College.

The conference began last year in student council when President Fred Gregory suggested that the student body support a missions emphasis week during winter term. This would correspond with the Christian Emphasis Weeks held fall and spring terms. The council passed a motion and appointed Shirley Mewhinney and Nancy Forsythe to plan the convention.

Under the theme "Where the Action Is," the conference took place January 9-15. Special guest speakers Jack and Laura Trachsel brought a series of messages showing students why and how they should be involved in Christian action in both home and foreign missions.

The Trachsels are Friends missionaries serving under World Gospel Missions. They have been in Taiwan since 1953 with previous work in India and China. During the week they spoke in the evening services and counseled with students. They emphasized the fact that the Christian must take his eyes off himself and his immediate surroundings and look to God in complete willingness to do anything. The challenge to missionary service was direct and pertinent.

In addition to the Trachsels, approximately eleven missionary agencies involving twelve other speakers presented their concerns in chapels, seminars, evening ser-

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vices, and counseling sessions. These included representatives from Oregon Yearly Meeting, Wycliffe Translators, American Bible Society, Oriental Missionary Society, Youth for Christ, Youth Adventures, Campus Crusade, and Venture for Victory.

The week got off to a fast start Monday with the "International Dinner." Heacock Commons was decorated with travel posters and curios from different lands, while foreign music and candlelight added to the atmosphere. At the conclusion of the dinner students modeled foreign outfits and the Bob Gilmore family, former missionaries to Guatemala, sang several numbers in Spanish.

Tuesday was another highlight. It was officially dubbed "grubby day" with students wearing sports clothes the entire day. For chapel everyone divided into groups and sat on the floor while guest speakers Jack Willcuts, Ralph Chapman, Paul Cammack, Douglas and Dorothy Monte (of Oriental Missionary Society), and the Trachsels went from group to group presenting a missionary challenge.

Other outstanding features during the week included the colorful missionary displays in the Student Union Building, and talks by Mr. Otis Leal of Wycliffe Bible Translators, Dr. Mark Talney of American Bible Society, and Quentin Nordyke of Oregon Yearly Meeting. Friday in Chapel a panel of speakers presented positive suggestions as to what GF students can do now. A Venture for Victory film was shown Friday night after the game, and the conference officially ended with Sunday evening services at Newberg Friends.

The conference was financed by the joint efforts of the GF student body and various churches in Oregon Yearly Meeting

The week of mission emphasis was geared directly to the GF collegian and student response was enthusiastic, some claiming that it was the best missionary conference they have attended. The goals for the week were to give students a vision of needs and the power available in Christ to meet them, to inspire a personal concern and commitment, and to show what can be done now. In the power of the Holy Spirit, these goals were accomplished.

The impact of the conference is only beginning. Let us pray that GF collegians will continue to take seriously the command and necessity for active Christian service and, in God's power, always make the message and Person of Jesus Christ the center of "Where the Action Is." ●

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GREENLEAF ACADEMY REPORTS ACTIVITIES

Success is the theme surrounding Greenleaf Academy this year.

Articulation between the Junior High and High School has been outstandingly successful.

One part of the school policy includes this paragraph: "Because practical Christianity at school and away from it is absolutely essential, this school will be severe in its demands of its students. A soft religious and/or disciplinary control breeds weak-willed and unprincipled students who reach adult lifetoo selfish to accept responsibility. Strong convictions, formed by a programming of religion, study, and discipline, provides the Church and our Nation with men and women who are conscious of their worth as creatures of God."

Under the direction of John Ehrlich, as head coach and John Johnson as his assistant, the football squad took all honors for the second year with 16 consecutive wins in the Long Pin Conference. All problems were solved after the first basketball game of the season with a win of each game to date.

The school has recently been accepted into a newly formed SRV Conference., in which we will compete in music, speech, dramatics as well as athletics.

Academic requirements exceed that of the State of Idaho by 4 units for graduation. Between 80 and 95 percent of graduating seniors are college bound, whereas the national average is 30-25 percent from public high schools.

Student government is being led this year by students who have attended Boys' and

Girls' state and the state student council workshop. These sessions have proved valuable for development of student leadership and responsibility.

December 22, 1966 was the annual Christmas banquet where all the student body enjoyed a fine social time of participating in musical numbers and enjoying the guest speaker, Rev. Jones from First Nazarene Church in Nampa.

Under the direction of Mrs. Mills, the Junior Class presented the dramatic production, "Tom Sawyer" to a fine audience on November 17 and 18.

TEACHER TRAINING AT GEORGE FOX COLLEGE

By Dr. David Myton, Professor of Education

Editor's note: Since 1945, George Fox has offered a joint-degree program for elementary teachers. Both its elementary and undergraduate work for high school teachers is approved in a number of states. However, it is currently striving for accreditation of secondary teachers WITHIN the state of Oregon.

GEORGE FOX COLLEGE recently completed the third step of a five-phase project to develop an approved secondary teacher education program. Early in 1966, the faculty and board of trustees had voted to develop such a curriculum, and a self-study of the college was initiated. Beginning with the current school year, the first professional education courses were offered to juniors.

The most recent phase was an advisory visit by a team of twelve professional educators who studied the program and made recommendations for its further development. This visit was coordinated by the State Department of Education and was preliminary to the final step which will be mentioned later.

The next phase of the development will be the addition of the senior level courses in the 1967-68 school year. These courses will make it possible for students to complete the educational requirements for certification to teach in the state of Oregon in a four-year program at George Fox College.

Finally there will be another visit by the team of professional educators next year. Following their second visit, these educators will make a recommendation to the State Board of Education regarding the approval of GFC's program.

The report of the preliminary visit was quite favorable. In general, the team stated that George Fox College is an educational institution of high quality. ●

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

February Sweetheart Banquet

ONE PHASE OF the Year of Advance is the emphasis on church social life. (Note the story on the back page of this magazine for other ideas.) A number of Friends Churches have used the month of February as the occasion for a couples night Valentine Party. There are different variations of this plan—from a formal banquet at a local restaurant, an affair catered at the church, or a church social party to which all are invited. Young couples particularly, (and the young in heart of all ages), enjoy an occasional "dress up" event. Suitable decorations in the fellowship hall or banquet room, with background music can provide an atmosphere that is spiritually inspiring as well as socially meaningful.

It is an opportunity to welcome new attenders in a situation allowing them to become better acquainted with others. The brief conversations at church, even at best, are superficial. An evening together allows friendship to form and unfold, opening other opportunities for future visitation that may provide a setting for Home Bible Studies or deepening Christian friendship.

The program for "Sweetheart Parties" offers splendid opportunities. Some have had an entire evening of music leading up to a devotional at the close. Others combine fun, games and devotions. A banquet setting allows an opportunity to bring a guest speaker or a new situation for the pastor to speak on the subject of Christian Marriage, the Love of God or many other adaptable topics. A little imagination in planning such an event can provide an exciting evening of joy and blessing. Occasionally the couple married the longest is honored along with the couple most recently married. One church featured wedding pictures of all couples in the group (without names) so all had to guess. Another church arranged a dinner prepared and served by the men for their "sweethearts" (and wives), and even did the dishes afterward.

Spiritual lessons are learned from fellowship that cannot always be taught in Sunday school classes or even in preaching. The social life of the church is often the index to its unity and depth of worship. ●

—J. L. W.

BUDGET BRIEFS

United Budget giving has held up quite well until the first of the year. But January receipts are extremely low. Unless an increased flow of United Budget pledges arrives during the months of February and March, the missionary program in particular will be in serious need. Of the \$77,000 required this year to carry the total missionary program, \$22,000 comes from the United Budget and this amount is regarded in a sense as the backbone of the missionary support.

Paul and Martha Puckett, during their deputation schedule, will attempt to meet with every local Monthly Meeting Missionary Committee. Some of these are regional meetings bringing together several church groups. It is hoped everyone will use this opportunity to learn not only more of the field, but of the structure of our church missionary financial program as well.

Renovation at TWIN ROCKS

Two of the landmark structures at Twin Rocks camp grounds, are to be renovated to make winter use possible, according to Charlotte Macy, chairman of the Twin Rocks Conference Board.

At a recent meeting the Board approved general plans calling for insulating, panelling and possible re-wiring of the tabernacle and Hadley Hall. New rest rooms will be installed in the latter facility. A boiler secured from the former dining hall at George Fox College will be used to provide heat for the two buildings. The tabernacle, built in 1928, has been the meeting place for hosts of youth and adults since that time. Hadley Hall has a smaller meeting room, office, nurse's quarters and dormitory facilities.

The Board has designated February as a special work month, for volunteer laborers to get the work underway. Churches in the Twin Rocks area are being challenged to raise funds for sections of the remodelling. The estimated total cost of \$6,000 may be pledged in portions of \$300, \$150, or any other amount.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEATED: Alva Tish, Glen Birch, Bennie Roberts, Leon Williams, Norman Winters, Principal; Lenore Smith-erman, Ivorna Hibbs. STANDING: Joe Rourke, Kenneth Pitts, Pastor; Morris Ankeny, Frank Morse, Robert Willcuts, Quincy Fodge, Cecil Binford, Chairman, NOT PICTURED: Clair Smith, Vice Chairman; Grace Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer; Al Fisher, Clarence Birch, Clifford Clem, Frank Engle, George Sams, Lela Williams.

AMBASSADORS *continued*

those six years, 58 collegians have spent 70 summers as Youth Ambassadors (includes foreign travelers). Of this group there are now: four active pastors, six seminary students, three missionaries, one assistant pastor, eight public school teachers, two medical school seniors, two medical technologists, two social workers, and one pastor's wife. At least seven who are still students feel called to a full-time Christian ministry. This is not to mention several worthy vocations numbered among former Youth Ambassadors.

What does this all prove? One of two things: either most Youth Ambassadors have been collegians of high ability, or the experience in Christian service has paid off in preparing them for the future. Undoubtedly, it has been some of both.

One innovation is being considered for the future: a "roving" Youth Ambassador who will be commissioned to aid several churches in an area, dealing particularly with Friends Youth Groups. As envisioned, he would provide leadership training, practical hints on programs, socials, and outreach, and helps for youth sponsors of all age groups. Still only in the planning stage, this would require collegians of top ability, spiritual dedication and a vital concern for other young people.

Youth Ambassadors, then, is not just a "continuing" program. It is an ever new and fresh experience for any young Christian who becomes a part of it. Churches that have had Youth Ambassadors often apply again. At least eleven youth under the program have served more than one summer. Repetition is a good sign of success.

As a part of that first Youth Ambassador team in 1962, I will recall the fervent prayer for God's blessing, the rich Bible teaching of the workshop, and the call felt by all ten young people. God is still calling—He wants dedicated young people to enter the field, not only to train themselves, but to render significant service right now. "Our Father, plant in our hearts the same zeal that Thou

NEXT MONTH

Fifteen members of Oregon Yearly Meeting attended the annual meeting of the Evangelical Friends Alliance held in Denver, January 23 to 26. A report of the sessions will be given next month.

gave to the apostles. Give us enthusiasm that will make hard jobs attractive and will make Thy work our highest pleasure." ●

Quaker Melodies

By Roy Clark

MUSIC HAS been facetiously labelled "the war department" of the church. In all honesty I suppose there are reasons why the music program has been looked upon by pastors and church officials as a problem area.

Being an aesthetic art and subject to the vagaries of human taste it is difficult to develop a music program that will please everyone. Since it is usually a voluntary (need it be so?) ministry, it is hard to find lay people with sufficient dedication and the talent which qualifies them for a strong music program.

Quakers are especially vulnerable to a third problem in that we are a congregational movement with no clearly defined hymnological philosophy or tradition. Our music practices are as heterogeneous as are the tastes and mores of people, and they run the gamut of staid classicism to pentecostal hilarity. Historically music, along with the pastoral system, is a rather recent innovation in Friends' mode of worship. So we are without the rich cultural heritage of music tradition which other ecclesiastical bodies have.

The Yearly Meeting music committee was brought into being several years ago out of a concern that we move toward a more meaningful and effective music program in our churches. Under the leadership of Ruth Corbin the committee has made significant progress toward raising our musical sights and improving our taste and perspective. We have a long way to go yet, but we are on our way. In workshop sessions we want to help develop a discerning philosophy and taste for what is good worship music. In our publications we want to give practical and workable suggestions for implementing a more effective music program in the church. Most of all we want to challenge every church and every member to be concerned that our music shall be to the glory of God and the building up of the work of the church. ●

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WMU:

ANSWERED PRAYER

By Alyce Blodgett, Prayer Unit Chairman

TO SEE IN print, whether in the missionary news notes, or a personal letter from a missionary on the field, that God has answered your specific prayer is one of the greatest joys a Christian can know!

How marvelous to know that He is eager to fill the needs of each of those on the field—and how wonderful to be a part of the answer as we have endeavored to hold up that loved one in prayer!

Yes, that surely is a thrill not to be missed.

How easy it is for us to slip into the habit of saying "and bless our missionaries."

How much better it is for us to be aware of specific needs for each of our families.

Right now Betty and Gene Comfort are no doubt hemmed in by the rainy season. Let's

remember them in prayer during these isolated days.

Everett and Alda will be alone in Peru during February and will need your prayers to make the Lord seem so close they cannot be lonely.

Quentin and Florene will be shopping, packing and studying for the radio course. Let's pray they receive additional physical strength.

And we could go on and on. Imagine yourself in their place and you will know why again and again the missionaries write and say, "thank you for your prayers, the support is much felt as we labor day by day." ●

MISSION PICTURES

A thirty-minute tape with colored slides showing the work of Ohio Yearly Meeting in Taiwan, Free China, prepared by veteran missionary Howard Moore, is now available through the Yearly Meeting office. This mission field is a part of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHIES

Florence Thomas

By Carolann Palmer



them to go.

Florence spends most of her time as a homemaker, working with music in the Bible Institute, and doing visitation among the national churches. Other jobs have a way of appearing, and she helps out where needed.

She says that her pet dislike is "car trouble in the middle of nowhere," and she likes best, "good food."

Her favorite Scripture verse is 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." These verses have been her favorites since childhood.

She requests prayer that she might have wisdom and strength to accomplish the tasks the Lord would have her do.

Pray now, for David and Florence Thomas in Bolivia. ●

IT WAS THROUGH GENERAL Christian training and following God's leading one step at a time, that brought Florence Swanson Thomas, with her husband, David, to the mission field of Bolivia, South America.

Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanson, spent her early years in Portland, Oregon. She was fortunate in coming from a good Christian home. Her Sunday School teachers and pastors influenced her greatly as her church was a vital part of her life. Thus it is not surprising that she was converted at six years of age.

Following grade and high school in Portland, Florence attended George Fox College and graduated with the class of 1944. During college she met and later married, David Thomas.

God has led, one step at a time in sending the Thomases to Bolivia, for it was after resigning a pastorate that the way opened for

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Mid-Year Board Meetings

All Friends who are members of Yearly Meeting appointed Boards and Committees should note carefully the schedule of meetings planned for February 20-24, 1967. Reservations for overnight entertainment while in Newberg should be made through the Yearly Meeting office by February 10. Noon meals will be served by the ladies of the Newberg Friends Church Tuesday through Friday at \$1.00 per person. Reservations are necessary in advance at the college dining hall for individuals or groups. Travel expense information and other instructions have been sent to each Board member. The schedule:

Monday, February 20, 7:30 p. m.

Board of Peace and Service
Board of Missions
Board of Evangelism
Camping Clinic

Tuesday, February 21, 8:30 a. m.

All Boards

Wednesday, February 22, 8:30-9:15

Devotional period (all boards together)

9:15-12 noon. Executive Council
W. M. U. Executive

1:00 p. m. All Boards

W. M. U. Executive

Thursday and Friday, February 23-24
Executive Council

Book Nook

"Henrietta Mears and How She Did It"
By Ethel May Baldwin and Clarence Benson

Do you want to read a new and challenging book about one of the greatest Christian Education Directors of all time? Then get "Henrietta Mears and How She Did It" by Ethel Mae Baldwin and Clarence Benson. Learn how she built a college class to an attendance between 300 to 500. It has been said she probably led more people to Christ than any other woman. You will find the book a great inspiration and filled with suggestions and ideas which you may be able to put to use in your church. Just start reading it and you will not want to stop.

—Elizabeth Edwards

ADVANCE continued

cause we'd never had a chance to study the Bible before, and that's a good way to get acquainted, too. We have noticed that it's hard to meet new people after church, because all of us are hurrying around trying to round up our children. I think more social get-togethers would be good."

A young Christian couple came to our church four months ago. I asked the wife: "Could you give me any ideas for an article I'm writing about making newcomers feel at home. . . ." when she interrupted with, "I sure can! Just tell them to do exactly like this church does." "And, what do you mean by that?" "We really felt like people liked us, and were glad we were here for ourselves, not for just what we might do in the church. We've had lots of invitations to people's homes, for dinner, or after evening services, and informal get-togethers. And the biggest thing about this friendliness is that it's sincere. Of course, one really important thing besides feeling welcome and wanted in a new church, is what you find when you're there. Here we like the dignity and worshipful atmosphere in the services." "Did you feel that you were loaded down with jobs and responsibilities too soon?" "No, we were glad to be asked to take part. I think that sometimes people, especially new Christians, drop out of church because too much spiritual maturity is expected of them before they're allowed to carry any responsibility, and it gives them the feeling that they're not good enough. I think jobs should be spread out as widely as possible, with everyone contributing, and no one being expected to shoulder too much. Also, the person's capabilities and interests should be considered as much as possible. This builds their confidence." "Well, now that you're old established members, what do you think we can do further to make other newcomers feel at home?" "Well, just what I've said—treat them as we were treated. I try to meet new people, but it is hard sometimes, especially on Sunday mornings. I've seen someone new and have been unable to get past the people visiting in the aisles in time to catch them. Maybe we should work on this."

A couple who were in our home for Bible study last week, and have been members of our church for several years told us: "We'd tried a lot of different churches, but just weren't satisfied. Our milkman was a member of the Friends Church, and invited us a

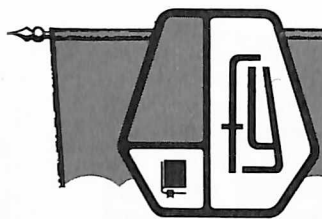
number of times, so we attended. The reason we continued to go was because of the friendliness of the people." We asked them, "Do you have any ideas as to how we could make people feel even more at home?" "Well, we have heard a few people say that they had visited our church and hadn't found it too friendly, but different people have different ideas of what friendliness is. To some, it's putting your arm around them and being real gushy; to others, it's just the feeling that they're honestly glad you came."

Members of a family with three children who came to the church about three years ago, have been converted. Now very faithful church members, they have this to say: "I already knew several of the people who went to the Friends Church, but still felt a little hesitant, because I felt like I would be a stranger intruding in 'your church,' but I didn't end up feeling that way at all. A friend of ours met us right away and introduced us to the pastor, and all of the people we already knew from other associations made us feel so welcome by stopping to talk with us and introducing us to others. Everyone seemed to be really happy we had come." Question: "Did you experience any periods of loneliness later—after you became Christians?" Answer: "Well, most of our friends didn't understand us any more. How could they? We were new people. We were friendly with them, but not as sociable as before, and we didn't feel we knew couples in the church our own age well enough. Really, though, we just considered this a period of adjustment, and felt all along that the people at the church loved us and really were our friends. I think we should remember that when someone new comes into our church, they aren't looking for social life, but are hungry and seeking spiritual help first of all, and the church needs most of all to give them love and be genuinely interested in them." About taking responsibilities, they said, "When you come to know Christ, it is just natural to want to make some contribution and to help in some way in the church. We were placed on committees right away, and this really made us feel a part of things. When I was asked to teach a Sunday School class, I wasn't sure I was ready, but I took the instruction course, prayed about it, and the confidence the Christian Education Committee showed in me by asking me was really a boost, and I've enjoyed it a lot ever since." About their responsibility now to new people: "We try to introduce ourselves to new people whenever we can, but it's often hard to get

to them before they're gone. We really want to welcome them. I think it's just natural for a Christian to have this tendency, because Christ gives you a love for others. We feel since coming to this church the security that no matter whatever might happen, we would never be without someone who loves us and cares about us."

These comments from a mother I talked to by phone, whom I have never met: "Lots of churches aren't friendly, but when we first came to the Friends Church we were accepted like we'd been there all our lives. When our son was very ill two years ago, the pastor and Youth Minister visited every day, and brought youth literature and material to the hospital often. Then, when he was well enough to come home, they still visited us often and showed a real interest in us. Just recently, when I was hospitalized, the pastor didn't miss a day visiting me, either. Because of this kind of attitude in the church, my sister now attends, and my mother is very interested, too. Another thing—even when we miss attending for a period of time (as our schedules are so very busy), when we return, we never get the feeling we're being 'condemned' for being absent, but everyone is just really happy to see us again." When asked, "Well, do you have any suggestions?", she thought a moment and replied, "Honestly, I just can't find any fault at all, as far as our family is concerned."

Elaboration on these conversations would be superfluous. It might be well to point out however, that we are aware that these comments come from people who have come to our church, and have stayed. Obviously, it is not possible to question anyone who may have come and gone away still searching for friendliness and acceptance. But this is not meant to be a statistical poll—rather, a probing into what it is that does make the difference in whether newcomers become one-time visitors or feel warmly welcomed and want to return. Many approaches were used in the answers given in these brief "interviews," many different means of expression, but one thought which seemed to be central in expressing the heart of the matter was summed up by one of our local church leaders when he said: "You can't fake it! If your response to the love of Christ is such that it instills in you a love for others such as Christ Himself had, then your relationships with other people will be so genuine that they will respond favorably to this love, through whatever avenue it is expressed."



"COMMITTED TO ADVANCE"

NEWS OF OYM FRIENDS YOUTH

"COME ALIVE"

By Ron Stansell

So you think Christmas is commercialized? Well, then you should have seen Mid-Winter Convention! "Come Alive!", "Join the Rebellion!", "Where the Reaction Is!" These are just three class titles for sessions of Oregon Yearly Meeting Friends Youth's Mid-Winter Convention, 1966.

More seriously, however, the spiritual meaning of the general theme "Come Alive!" unfolded as the week of December 27-31 passed. The new life in Christ, the passing away of old things, the entirely different meaning that a Christian has in living, were all clarified in an exciting and youth-g geared way.

Despite a few bizarre touches, the 268 Friends Youth and staff registered from across the Northwest left with a new spiritual uplift and dedication. Ron Crecelius, Azusa, California Friends pastor and chaplain at Azusa Pacific College, challenged the high schoolers to be ready for whatever God asks. He combined hilarity with hope—hope that Jesus Christ can make life worth living. Ron Crecelius is well known in the Northwest as a former member of the "Four Flats" Quartet, a group formed during their college days at George Fox College. The recounting of Ron's conversion, of his call to the ministry, and of his experiences overseas, made each evening evangelistic service the high point of each day.

Forty-three decision cards were filled out by teens during the week, many of these indicating new pledges of complete dedication to Jesus Christ. Many others took the same step.

Two other outstanding events of the week are worth mention. First, on Wednesday, the Ken Anderson film "Without Onion" was shown. "Without Onion" is a penetrating story of teenage Christians face to face with deadly opposition to their witness. They learn what it means to be lost for eternity, to oppose wrong without being offensive, and to live by Christ's standard and not by the standard of the world. Many commented that it is one of the best new teen films available.

The second event came on Thursday with the visit of three George Fox College athletes, representing the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on campus. Steve Beecroft, Mike Livingstone, and Pete McHugh, all varsity football and basketball players, participated in an afternoon basketball game and stayed to give their personal testimonies on Friday.

Two of the six elective classes were designed for teens with special spiritual interests. Barbara

Baker, GFC senior, led a theme class entitled "Come Alive," featuring testimonies of a number who have found new life in Christ since their teen years. The second class, entitled "Join the Rebellion" was taught jointly by Quentin Nordyke and Jack Willcuts. For teens who rebel at spiritual laziness, the class challenged them to consider full-time Christian service. Jack and Quentin counseled with a number who expressed a strong leading toward the pastoral ministry or missionary service.

Other classes available for choice: "Acts Alive" by Gerald Dillon (a Bible study from the book of Acts); "Feeling Like Friends" by Dr. Arthur Roberts (on Friends history and doctrine); "Life in the Fourth Dimension" by Geraldine Willcuts (on the prayer life of the Christian); and "Where the Reaction Is" by Clynton Crisman (tips on Friends Youth leadership). Harold Antrim led a class especially for counselors and staff members on "Teenage Bible Study."

The teenagers responded whole-heartedly when Jon Bishop, OYM Friends Youth President, explained the Friends Youth mission project—purchasing a 16 mm movie projector for Friends in Bolivia and Peru. The goal of \$450 was met in personal pledges and offerings. Furthermore, over \$1500 in Dividends for Friends Youth were pledged by Friends Youth groups and individual members. This last amount goes toward the budget of the Yearly Meeting Friends Youth.

YOUTH *continued*

proaches and exhibit new attitudes. By seeking God's guidance as he sincerely examines theories, studies problems, and works with people, he can best relate Christ to his world.

If the youth is to feel a real partnership with the church, she must help him do this. The church must be willing to openly discuss current problems and ideas, and to frankly evaluate present methods and attitudes. Informed youth leaders who can intelligently counsel and discuss current problems can help show how the two worlds can be united and the church strengthened. The Christian youth is willing to involve himself in taking Christ into society to meet the needs of people outside the church, and wants to do this in whatever way is most effective. Surely the church will support his effort. ●

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LISTEN LITTLE QUAKERS

By Betty Hockett

PROMISES ARE TO KEEP

"MOTHER! Mother! Guess what!" whooped eleven-year old Marty as she gave a hop and a skip through the door, slamming it behind her.

"What!" answered Mother from the kitchen. "Something sounds exciting. Tell me."

"Janie's mother can come home from the hospital next week. . . the doctor says. The family sure is excited!" Marty bobbed on into the kitchen and helped herself to a chocolate chip cookie.

"Oh, I'm glad. That is good news, Marty. Mrs. Tracy has been there so long—it's been at least three months since she broke her hip," said Mother.

"That is," explained Marty, "she can if their new home has heat by then. She couldn't go back to their apartment because of all the stairs."

Mother poured a glass of milk and another cookie disappeared in Marty's grasp.

"Janie says the furnace company promised to finish their work over there last week but they sure didn't keep their promise. Now they say they'll come next Tuesday. And it's too cold for Tracys to live there without any heat, that's for sure."

"Well, I surely hope they get it done right away so Mrs. Tracy doesn't have to stay in the hospital longer." Pouring more milk, Mother continued, "Speaking of not keeping promises reminds me of something that occurred when I was a little girl."

Marty listened with interest; it was always fun to hear of things that happened to Mother when she was a girl.

"Once I promised Grandmother that I would do something for her but for some reason didn't get it done. So she got out a sampler that had 'Honesty is the best policy' embroidered on it. She had made it when she was a girl. After I looked at it she really lectured me; I've never forgotten it. 'Now young lady,' she said, 'keeping a promise is

part of being honest. Don't you ever forget that. Yes, siree! Promises are to keep!"

"Your Grandmother ought to lecture that old furnace company about keeping promises," Marty muttered indignantly as she finished her snack. "They'd better get busy and do what they said they would. Mr. Tracy was counting on getting all moved in this Saturday. Now they can't."

As she went upstairs to her room she was still thinking of her best friends, the Tracys, and how much they needed their new home. "Guess I'll read awhile," she decided to herself. She sprawled out on the bed and promptly was lost in the story. After while, off in the background, she heard Mother's voice. "Marty! Would you come down now and help get the dessert ready for dinner?"

"Uh-huh!" replied Marty vaguely.

"Now, please."

"I promise I'll come in five minutes, Mother. I promise!"

Marty read on. . . the riderless horse galloped rapidly past the cabin. Jamie stood dead still! And what does it all mean, he asked himself? . . . On and on she read, almost holding her breath with excitement. All thought of dessert was easily forgotten.

The next thing she knew, she heard Mother calling again. "Marty! Daddy is home and dinner is ready."

"O. K. Mother." Hard as it was to put the book down, she obeyed. "Ummmm, I'm hungry. What's for dinner?"

"Spaghetti and hot french bread!"

"Oh, boy! What'll we have for dessert?"

"No dessert tonight, Marty!"

"No dessert?" she asked. "How come?"

"Well, I. . ."

"Oh, Mother!" interrupted Marty as she suddenly remembered her promise to help. "I forgot. Honest I did! I'm sorry. I meant to come down and help but that story was so good I just forgot. I didn't intend to break my promise."

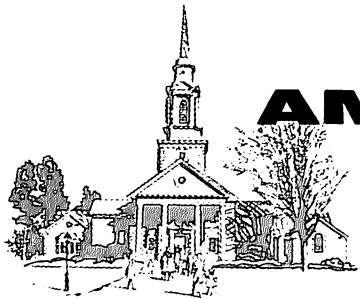
"I know! But I was depending on you."

After the family had finished eating, Mother said to Marty, "I guess you were sort of like the furnace company." Marty nodded.

"Having no dessert tonight was not really a very important issue but you did break your promise. Maybe it will help you remember how necessary it is to keep a promise in even little things. What my Grandmother said about keeping promises being a part of honesty is certainly very true."

"And promises are to keep!" Marty determined out loud. ●

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

Numerous events of the Christmas season dominate the church news which we received in January, and we'll make an effort in these columns to highlight programs of this busy season. NETARTS reports a good community response to their Christmas program, and at least 24 young people and several adults went on a lengthy caroling excursion in the community. Christmas Day was observed with a special worship service, well-attended. At SPRINGBROOK, their Christmas Cantata was presented with members of the choir from both the host church and CHEHALEM CENTER. Patsy Kumasawa and Mary Myton directed a very successful Christmas program at SPRINGBROOK. At NEWBERG Christmas events included the SS Christmas program, December 18 under direction of Maurine Gilmore. Entitled "Christmas is a Miracle," the program consisted of music, directed by Marie Chapman, and drama featuring both children and adults. A play, "Why Christmas?" was presented to the SS adult department December 18 directed by Lyle Wilson, and at the same period on December 25, the Herschel Thornburg family presented a musical program. Jack L. Willcuts was guest speaker at NEWBERG on Christmas Sunday morning. CHEHALEM CENTER and SPRINGBROOK joined together for a special revival series January 11-22 with Jack L. Willcuts as speaker. The meetings were held at CHEHALEM CENTER for the first five days; at SPRINGBROOK for the final services. Guests at NETARTS have included Barbara Baker and Phyllis Brown for a Sunday evening of inspiration in picture, word and song; Quentin and Florene Nordyke and their Peruvian challenge; and Roy Clark for a special series of weekend meetings in December. Edna Springer was guest speaker for opening of adult SS January 1 at NEWBERG. The coming in of the New Year was observed at SPRINGBROOK under the guidance of Denver Headrick. Dr. David Myton gave a message with games and refreshments following. At NETARTS, 32 people watched the old year out with the last 45 minutes of 1966 being a service of dedication. Excellent attendance was reported for the morning service a few hours later. Seven older young people home from college conducted the evening service on January 1. Irwin and Zarilda Alger, pastors at NETARTS celebrated their 40th anniversary in a special service in November. NETARTS FY had three attending Mid-Winter.

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

Sixteen people from TACOMA FIRST journeyed to AGNEW December 11 to set that group up as a

Preparative Meeting. Following a buffet supper, a service was held. The group was thrilled with the progress at AGNEW, especially their new educational building. NORTHEAST TACOMA reports real spiritual results in their own community as a result of their participation in Tacoma's Christian Witness Crusade with emphasis on conducting Bible Studies in the homes of people. NORTHEAST TACOMA also reports a new young adult SS class has been organized. One of the goals of TACOMA for the coming year is a payoff of their church debt. FY Mid-Winter Convention held at Cannon Beach, Oregon, attracted a number from Puget Sound area—five from SEATTLE FRIENDS MEMORIAL, four from HOLLY PARK and two from TACOMA. To help pay the way of their own trip, FRIENDS MEMORIAL Sr. High FY served a breakfast at the church December 17, netting \$24.00. The busy Christmas season brought much blessing to Puget Sound churches. At FRIENDS MEMORIAL their SS Christmas program, "Traditions of Christmas," was held at 5 p. m. December 11, while their Christmas Cantata, "Carol of Christmas" was presented by choir December 18. Marjorie Crisman was director with Carolann Palmer, pianist and Gerald Pearce as guest organist. After the cantata, the Crisman family was presented with gifts from the church. All three FY groups at FRIENDS MEMORIAL went caroling December 14 and an all church caroling party was held December 21. The high point of FRIENDS MEMORIAL's Christmas season was the Christmas Eve candlelight worship hour held from 11 p. m. to midnight. Christmas at TACOMA included a WMU Christmas dinner and Christmas gift surprise for Arlene Fiscus, the pastor's wife; Christmas dinners held separately by the Kingdom Builders and Philadelphian SS classes; and a play "The Other Wise Man" presented by the High School SS class on December 21. NORTHEAST TACOMA's annual Christmas program was presented Sunday evening, December 18, with their cantata, "Born a King" presented on Sunday evening of Christmas Day, Debora Pendergrast as director and Robert Pendergrast, Jr., as pianist. At HOLLY PARK the two missionary unions had a combined Christmas meeting and a major project of making up plates of cookies to have FY's give away as they went carolling for elderly people and others on December 18. Their Christmas program was presented December 18 by the children and FY presenting "Christmas is a Miracle." As a SS Christmas project, HOLLY PARK raised \$35.00 and partially completed thirteen Hygenic, Sewing and Children's Kits to be sent through World Vision to the suffering people of South Viet Nam. Guest speakers have included GFC professor Everett Craven, December

4, and WGM Bolivian missionary Harold Harriman, December 18, at NORTHEAST TACOMA; and GFC Professor Myron Goldsmith at HOLLY PARK December 4.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

Many individuals at OAK PARK responded to the Scriptural challenges of messages by Orville Winters on the subject of "Faith" during a recent five-day meeting. The church reports a strong sense of enthusiasm regarding the work of the church in 1967. ROSE VALLEY has completed a month of calling in the community on Wednesday evenings as part of the Advance program and has now returned to their Bible study hour on that evening. Guest speakers have included Jack Willcuts in the morning, and Quentin and Florene Nordyke, speaking and showing slides of Peru, during the evening service of December 11; Loren Mills the morning of December 25, Calvin Gregory the morning of January 1 and Ralph Elmer, showing slides of the Holy Land the evening of January 1—all at CHERRY GROVE. The latter three speakers were filling in for the pastor William Murphy during a special Christmas holiday in California and Missouri. Roy Clark was guest speaker at the William Penn club at VANCOUVER for a Christmas Breakfast on December 16; Quentin and Florene Nordyke spoke at VANCOUVER December 4. Christmas programs were numerous: ROSEMERE reported at least five special events preparing for and observing Christmas. They included an FY play, "Christmas in a Cobbler's Shop," followed by a party for participants in the parsonage on December 18; an FY Christmas Caroling party on December 19; a "candy-sacking" party for SS teachers on December 20; an FY Christmas party at the parsonage with 12 senior FY members present on December 22; and the SS program in the morning and a vesper service with the Christmas story in film on Christmas Day. ROSEMERE's men's prayer group had the ladies of the church as guests for a breakfast on December 17. OAK PARK's Christmas events included a program by the children's departments on December 18 and a play by the youth department, "Christmas Comes to the Careys," on the same evening. OAK PARK took a special Christmas offering for the Dick Cadd family, missionaries in the Philippines, to be applied toward purchase of a car for their activities in the states during their furlough next year. Christmas events at VANCOUVER included their program on December 18, "A Visitor From Space," written by Len Berntson who attends the church; the annual WMU Christmas program held at the Brougher residence; and the Christmas Cantata, "The Night the Angels Sang" on Christmas Sunday morning directed by Dick Person. At ROSE VALLEY Christmas included a SS children's program on December 18 and the film, "O Holy Night" shown during family hour the same evening. CHERRY GROVE featured a "Decorate the Church for Christmas" party held by the young people on December 10. On December 18 their annual Christmas program was given featuring a children's speaking and singing choir and pantomime and a dramatic cantata, "The Lost Star," by the young people and adults. On Christmas Sunday morning the film "Holy Night" was shown

during the SS hour. The New Year was welcomed in VANCOUVER with the Homebuilders SS class holding a New Year's Eve dinner and party at the home of Jerry and Connie Magee. At ROSEMERE the young adults had a New Year's Eve party, while at ROSE VALLEY a watch night service including games, eating and a devotional just before midnight was conducted. In other news: Mel Lamm, member at VANCOUVER, had the privilege of singing at Vancouver YFC banquet with Rudy Atwood of "The Old Fashioned Revival Hour" fame accompanying. Three youth from OAK PARK attended Mid-Winter Convention. CHERRY GROVE welcomed six active and five associate members into their fellowship at a recent meeting.

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

SILVERTON reports continued emphasis on the Advance program with several attending the Home Bible Study workshop in Salem December 10. The emphasis continues with the beginning of Home Bible study groups and others planned for the near future. TALENT hopes for a new tempo on the Advance program following the busy year-end activities. Speaking of those busy days, Christmas observances at ROSEDALE included a combined SS and worship service on Christmas day with an attendance of 178. At the evening service a Christmas song story, "The Inn" was presented by the choir with Frank Haskins directing. ASHLAND's Christmas included an evening of caroling by the young people in several rest homes on December 17; a Christmas program on December 21 featuring colored slides of their own children portraying the Christmas story with narration and music by the junior choir; and a combined SS and worship hour on Christmas day. Mid-Winter convention was attended by two young people from ASHLAND, one from HIGHLAND, and five from TALENT plus their teacher. (No reports from other churches). HIGHLAND reports at least three members back in attendance after serious illnesses and hospitalizations: Dora Ogle, Mary Turner and Lillian Frazier. They also reported on an excellent Christmas program given December 18. SILVERTON's WMU gave fourteen new books to their church library and special appreciation was expressed for the special Christmas presentation by Julia Pearson, OYM WMU president. The TALENT ladies were hostesses for the Ashland and Medford WMUs in a special meeting. TALENT is praying and preparing for a week of special meetings beginning the first of February with Willis Keithley as speaker. Guest speakers during the month have included Milo Ross at ROSEDALE December 4—a special offering was taken for George Fox College at the time; and the following people at SILVERTON: Barbara Baker and her pictures and story of her visits to the Holy Land and Ireland, December 4; Ron Stansell for FY and family hour December 11, and Jack and Geraldine Willcuts on December 18. SILVERTON reports increasing SS attendance with several new families coming to various functions of the church. Three adult elective classes, including an Adult Beginner Class, have been well-received and interest remains high. Eight adults, who are largely new to the Word and to the church, are enrolled in the Beginner's class.

BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

WHITNEY is working on a plan whereby boys and girls of the church may earn Bibles or story books through memorization and attendance. ¶ Guest speakers at BOISE while the pastor was in QUINCY holding special meetings were John Carr, H. F. Mansfield and George Leppert, a ministerial student at NNC in Nampa and former member at BOISE. ¶ Various Christmas functions at BOISE included a Christmas dinner for the Ambassadors SS class on December 12, a Builder's SS class Christmas dinner, to which all churches in the QM were invited, held on December 17; the church's choir cantata "Carol of Christmas" held the evening of December 12; and the regular worship service held from 10:00 to 11:00 on Christmas Day with evening services dismissed. ¶ WHITNEY's Sr. FY held their Christmas banquet December 16 with Terry Dirks, YFC Bible Club Director, as speaker. An FY-sponsored Soup Supper was held at BOISE December 19, proceeds from which were used to help send five of their youth to the Mid-Winter Convention. ¶ BOISE's WMU had as their theme "The Call to Child Evangelism" in their meeting at the home of Carol Roberts, December 6. Mrs. William Smith, Idaho State Director for Child Evangelism, was guest speaker. The Helen Cammack WMU at WHITNEY had a speaker from Booth Memorial Hospital at their December meeting. Later in the evening they had their annual gift exchange.

PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

CLACKAMAS PARK held an appreciation service on Sunday afternoon, December 4 at which time recognition was given to the many individuals, churches and separate church groups that helped bring the church building into existence. Among those on the program were Jack L. Willcuts, Paul Heywood, Julia Pearson, Everett Hendricks, pastor Howard E. Harmon, Verle Williams and Gerald Dillon. Their morning service of that same day was recorded and sent to missionaries in Bolivia and Peru—an excellent plan. ¶ LENTS reports continued active participation in the Advance program as does HILLSBORO which is forming Home Bible study groups to meet six Wednesday evenings in January and February. ¶ More Christmas events: MAPLEWOOD had their SS Christmas program on the evening of December 18 with each class and age group having a part. The high school and college age young people presented a play entitled "Christmas Joy." Their Christmas cantata "Night of Miracles," was presented by the choir on Christmas morning. At PIEDMONT, their SS presented the play, "Christmas is a Miracle," on December 18. On Christmas day they held a vesper service at 4:30 with vocal and instrumental music including two excellent numbers by the choir under the direction of Arthur Pruitt. LENT's Christmas program was held on December 18 at 5:00 o'clock, and on the same day at CLACKAMAS PARK they held their program followed by caroling in the community. During the morning service on Christmas Day, CLACKAMAS PARK's choir presented "Love Transcending." A 6:00 o'clock vesper service closed the day. Christmas food baskets were delivered to two families by HILLSBORO. ¶ Guest speakers in the various Portland area churches have included Harold Harriman,

Bolivian missionary, speaking on a Wednesday evening and Pastor Kim on a Sunday evening at CLACKAMAS PARK; Jack Willcuts, a former pastor, at LENTS December 18; and Jack Willcuts at PIEDMONT on December 4. ¶ FY'ers were busy in December at MAPLEWOOD. A few special speakers from Portland YFC spoke in one FY hour. The young people also attended the Portland QM FY skating party December 13, and on December 15 they made popcorn balls to be distributed after the church Christmas program. ¶ Mid-Winter attracted several FY'ers from PIEDMONT. Four from LENTS who attended Mid-Winter reported on the event at the evening service on New Year's Day. A watch night service was also held at LENTS and on Monday, January 2, a fellowship and dinner were enjoyed at the church. ¶ Portland QM was held at LENTS on January 27-29. ¶ Mildred Beals of Newberg will conduct a SS teacher training class at 6:30 and Charles Beals will present a Bible Study service at the 7:30 hour each Sunday evening, January 8 through March 19 at HILLSBORO. ¶ MAPLEWOOD's WMU held a baked and hand-made goods sale in December to help raise money for the kitchen of their proposed new church. ¶ CLACKAMAS PARK is thanking the Lord for His goodness in making it possible to pay a \$1500 note the latter part of 1966.

GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

Two new families have been gained as a result of Operation Contact, a part of the Advance program at HOMEDALE. A total of 140 calls were made. As part of the Advance program at GREENLEAF, a SS teacher training class is being offered for six weeks during January and February. Also, evening Home Bible Study courses are being organized. Some daytime classes have been in progress for several weeks. ¶ FY have been active in GREENLEAF: they saw the film "City of the Bees" in their December 11 meeting; attended valley-wide FY Roller Skating party at Nampa, December 12; held services at Blakely Rest Home in Caldwell, December 11, and sent a delegation of three to Mid-Winter Convention in Oregon. HOMEDALE's Junior FY purchased and wrapped individual Christmas gifts for each person in the nursing home. ¶ Christmas programs included a song story entitled "The Inn" on Sunday, December 18, and a SS program on Wednesday, December 21, at HOMEDALE. At GREENLEAF the SS presented the pageant "Christmas Bells" in pantomime, music groups, choral readings and recitations to a large audience the evening of December 18. A white gift offering was received to go to Terry Hibbs. The GREENLEAF choir with members from the Academy choir joining, gave the cantata, "Born a King," directed by Esther Hardinger the evening of December 21. Friends churches in the area joined in cash contributions as a Christmas gift to GREENLEAF Academy teachers. ONTARIO's Christmas observance included an all-church caroling night, December 23, visiting the homes of new and old friends; a reading by Norman Palmer was presented along with other special numbers on Christmas day morning, while in the evening service a White Christmas offering of cash and wrapped gifts was taken for the Allen Cole family, pastor at EMMETT. Several members of the ONTARIO church made a late evening journey over

snow, ice and through fog to enable this to reach the Cole family for Christmas. ¶ ONTARIO reported a number of visitors during the Christmas holiday. ¶ Improvements at ONTARIO continue with the WMU holding a silent auction December 19 to pay for tile in SS classrooms. Also new pews are expected to be delivered to the church in 60 days. ¶ Guest speaker at GREENLEAF on January 1 was Max Zell from Indiana. ¶ Scott Clark of GREENLEAF is recovering from an operation to remove cataracts from both eyes.

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

ENTIAT again had a large representation at Mid-Winter with 11 attending. They had charge of the Sunday evening service on January 1 which proved to be a blessing to those who heard the reports and testimonies. Both FY groups at ENTIAT have been active during the winter with socials, skating parties, ball games, plus helping with other church work and the Christmas program which was held December 18 with 92 in attendance. FY'ers at SPOKANE sang Christmas carols to the residents of Cedar Rest Haven Nursing Home. And five from SPOKANE attended the Mid-Winter Convention. The FY at SPOKANE also sponsored a New Year's fellowship following the evening services on January 1. During this time each family had to have some talent for the program. ¶ More on Christmas programs: SPOKANE held their SS program on December 18 presenting "To All People" by Lela Morrill. A united SS and worship service was held on Christmas Day, with the theme "The Significance of a Name." SPOKANE's WMU members wrote to all missionaries again this year for Christmas. ENTIAT also held a joint SS and worship service on Christmas Sunday with a good attendance from the community and several visitors from Newberg and Greenleaf.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

BARRY-HARTLEY—James Barry and Wanda Sheril Hartley were united in marriage at the Port Orchard Methodist Church, December 9.
CONLEY-JOHNSON—Charles Conley and Anna Johnson were united in marriage on December 8 at Tacoma with Fred Baker officiating.
BISHOP-CAMMACK—Jonathan Bishop and Marita Cammack were united in marriage December 17 at the Rosedale Friends Church.

BIRTHS

BENHAM—To Richard and Mikell Benham of Seattle a son, Jeffrey Arthur, born January 24, 1967.
WEITZEL—To Elmer and Virginia Weitzel of Heppner, Oregon, a son, Lonnie Douglas, born December 20, 1966.
ROURKE—To Bill and Myrlene Rourke of Newberg, a son, William Joseph III, born December 22, 1966.
REED—To Carl and Marcia Reed of Seattle, a daughter, Myra Charlotte, born December 26, 1966.

DEATHS

WOOLDRIDGE—David Harlan Wooldridge, infant February, 1967

son of Harlan and Joyce Wooldridge, of Talent, Oregon, passed away November 2, 1966.

ROSE—Memorial services for Mrs. Anna Rose who passed away in her home Thursday, November 10, were held Monday November 14, at Relyea Chapel in Boise. She had attended Whitney for several years.
PEARSON—Leanna Janell Pearson, daughter of Steve and Doris Pearson, passed away in Eugene December 5, 1966.

FARMER—Mildred T. Farmer, 62, passed away January, the result of being hit by an auto. Services were conducted on January 14 in the Nampa Friends Church with Robert Morrill officiating.

Special Notices

WANTED—a used piano, approximately \$100, Nehalem Bay Friends Church. Write Larry Houston, Box 112, Nehalem, Oregon 97131. They would come to get it within a reasonable distance.

EVANGELIST AVAILABLE—Denver Headrick, Route 1, Box 49A, Newberg, Oregon 97132, is open for evangelistic work in revival meetings since he is now on a part-time basis only with George Fox College. Meetings interested may contact him at his home address.

SCHOOL FOR ELDERS

Two schools for Friends elders have been conducted by a team composed of the General Superintendent with the Department of Religion faculty of George Fox College at Seattle and Portland. The excellent response to these classes and meetings has resulted in a greater appreciation of the ministry of the eldership. The next School to be held will be in Idaho, March 3 and 4, probably at the Nampa Friends Church. All elders, overseers, pastors and other ministers of the two Idaho quarterly meetings are invited. Sessions will be held Friday evening and Saturday morning. The team will be in Inland quarter April 9, and in Salem April 21, 22.

SHARE

A new share call will soon be issued. There's still time to contribute to the Tigard call. Have you?

ADVANCE

ARE FRIENDS FRIENDLY?

By Joan Logan

NOW THAT THE church is well into the Year of Advance, lay members all over the Yearly Meeting are having their attention sharply focused on areas of ministry and outreach which may have been clouded over or taken for granted before. Throughout the varied programs and emphases on visitation, prayer, fellowship, home Bible studies, etc., there seems to be a common purpose—introducing people to Jesus Christ through the church. This is not new—it has been the plan of Christ since He commissioned 11 men to "go and make disciples of all nations," for His followers to share the wonders of their new life with others.

This "sharing" is done in many ways, in many places. Someone has said that the main work of the church is done outside the church, where the people live and work, and that the church offers instruction, encouragement, inspiration and the strengthening fellowship which enhances this daily living and sharing of the Christian faith. This article, however, is meant to deal with one facet only of this broad scope of opportunity and responsibility—our initial relationship with families who attend our church services for the first time. In writing an article of this type, my personal feelings are based on a rich and satisfying 20-year association with the Friends Church, which, believe it or not, is a hindrance as far as objectivity and an unbiased approach are concerned. So, I have decided to conduct a sort of "man-on-the-street" interview with a number of families who have recently come to our church from different backgrounds and with varying degrees of previous church association. I here

express my gratitude to them for their willingness to candidly discuss these questions and give permission for me to incorporate their comments into this article.

In talking with one family with four children who have attended our church for about a year, came to know Christ about six months ago, and are now active members, this response was received: Question: "What made you decide to visit our church when you moved to our town? It's not near where you live." Answer: "Well, we just ran our finger down the church directory in the paper, and recognized the last name of the pastor from hearing it in Idaho one time so decided to try it out." Question: "Did you feel at home when you first came?" Answer: "The thing we noticed right away, and that kept us going back, was that the people were so friendly. Another church we'd attended was too clan-nish. Once you got into the 'group,' it was o.k., but it was awfully hard to get 'in.' We'd heard when we moved here that it was a town where it was hard to make friends, and we did find it so, but we'd made more friends after eight months at our church than the entire two years we'd lived here. The most important thing about the friendliness of the people in the church is that they really mean it." Question: "What about social life? As new Christians, you have probably made some adjustments there. Have you found friends through the church?" Answer: "Well, we have more friends than we've ever had before. These Bible studies in the homes are especially wonderful to us, be-

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