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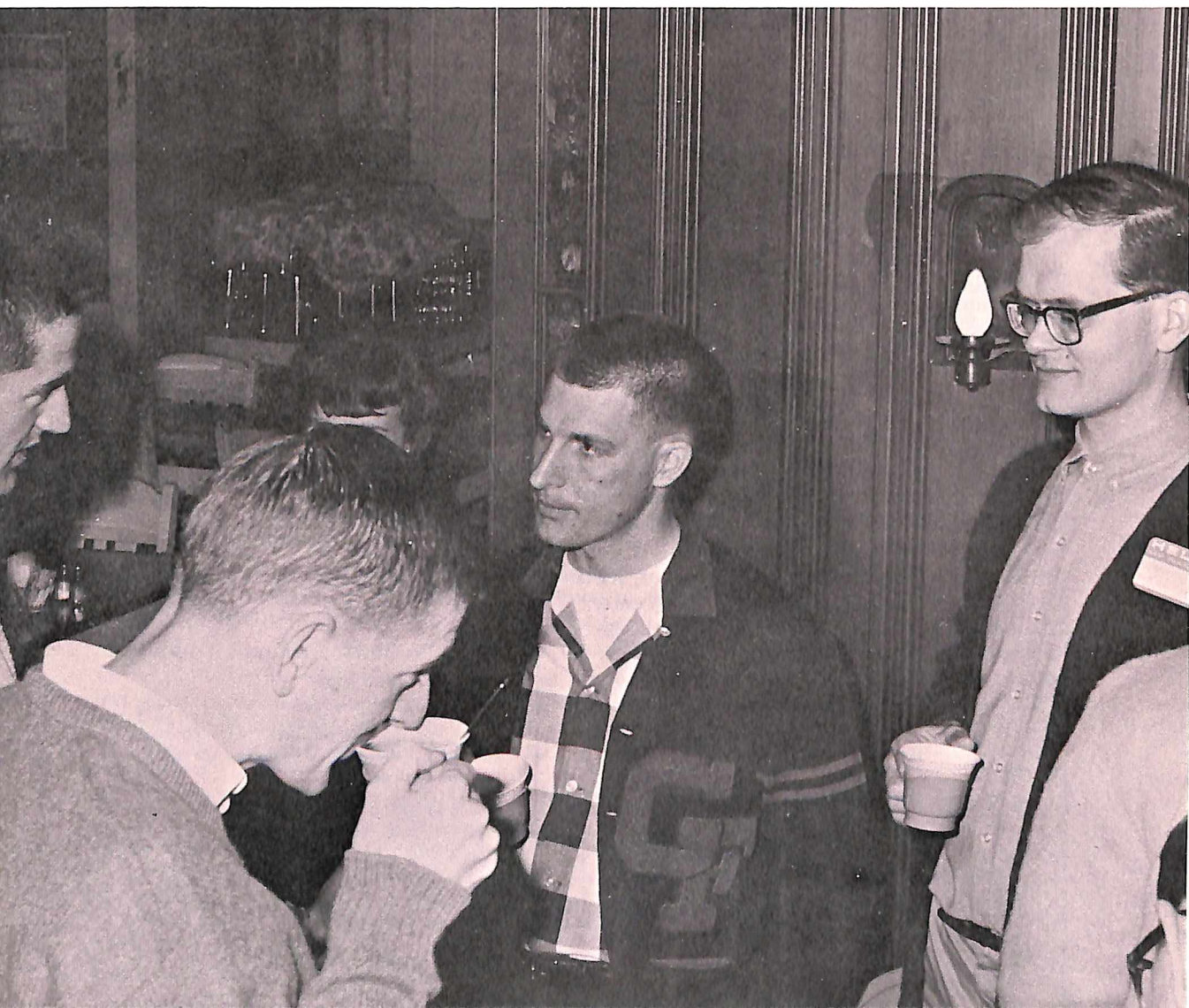
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MEXICO CITY IN SIX HOURS

By Jack L. Willcuts

STEPPING UP to the counter of one of the many airlines offices in Mexico City's crowded terminal, David Henry, a senior at Fuller Seminary doing a series of overseas research studies on "Church Growth" under Dr. Donald McGavran, said he was praying, "Lord, lead me quickly to these men to save their time and mine." At that moment, Charles Ball and I had just approached this same office requesting that our contact person in Mexico City be paged over the P. A. system. Standing side by side, Dave Henry and I conversed briefly in Spanish before discovering we were actually searching for each other.

His assistance was extremely helpful, for probably no one in Mexico City is currently better informed on matters of mission opportunity and progress than this young seminarian, who in recent months has interviewed dozens of missionaries, nationals and other Christian leaders of the Mexican

capital in preparing his evaluation.

We climbed into his well-used Dodge and attacked the Mexico City traffic, which seems to require more nerve than skill to negotiate! Poring over a city map sent to us by Roscoe Knight, pointing out possible areas open to our new Friends pioneer mission work, Dave Henry was well acquainted with them all plus a first hand commentary of statistics on evangelical development and other information and recommendations. His enthusiasm both for the opportunity and our concern was contagious—it was an exciting day.

In Mexico City, drivers pay scant attention to traffic lights and pedestrians none at all, so it is an "every man for himself" situation. Screaming Red Cross ambulances dart about gathering up the victims. To express impatience with the other driver, both parties have a disconcerting gesture of shrugging in complete frustration by lifting both hands from the wheel, outstretched and heavenward without slackening in speed. Under the circumstances, the heavenward appeal seemed appropriate.

"You must talk awhile with Roger Greenway," Dave advised us as we found ourselves in the area where the young missionary couple from the Reformed Church lived.

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ABOUT THE COVER

The participants in the conference for young Friends under 35 years of age, held at Camp Menucha March 11 and 12, continued "to grapple with the problems" of the church even during coffee breaks. Pictured are (from left) Howard Mylander of Portland and his brother Chuck, pastor at Ashland; Arnold Lee of Star, Idaho, and Wayne Cole of Portland. Photo is by LeRoy Benham who also wrote the article about the conference beginning on page 9 of this issue.

Editorial

Spring Fashions

AN APPRECIATION FOR SPRING colors is one of life's joys. The trend in borrowing this brilliance in our own spring attire is a laudable attempt to reflect the handiwork of God in the handiwork of men. Few make all their own clothing; some of us make none of it; we only select and wear it. Yet, this is quite an art what with the combinations and colors available. Isaiah suggests styling and taste is required also as we are "clothed with the garments of salvation."

What are these garments? Paul hangs them on the display rack: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God. . . compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and forbearance. . ." (Colossians 3:12). This is an appealing Christian ensemble. Suppose we lift them off to enjoy the shades and feel the fabric.

Compassion comes only in soft shades. When laid on too thick, it takes a gaudy hue that makes the Christian overdressed. Compassion, overdone, becomes offensive like too much perfume. A little is nice; too much is revolting. To be a suitable garment, compassion must be put on with good taste and spiritual discernment.

Kindness comes not only in pastels but also in snappy, bright colors that thrill you with tingling appreciation. Oh, kindness is not really seasonal but a year-round versatile piece; more often than not it is that old, comfortable thing worn around the house. Never a dress up garment only; it looks good anywhere. The material of kindness has a strange texture—if it is uncomfortable on you, it suddenly appears faded too.

Choose humility with care. It is a suit you must step into the sunlight to examine—the color changes so. It may look fine in the mirror, just like true humility, only to show up as pride in public! Humility looks best when the wearer forgets what he is wearing, all self-consciousness gone from the inner confidence that it is right.

Meekness and gentleness go together like a pair of shoes; you seldom wear just one. And, they have to be your exact size; pulling on undersized meekness and gentleness is hard and painful. Better keep seeking until you find your own fit. Forget the style—it is the quality that counts with these.

Personality, like the human body, is remarkably ungainly. Someone has said, "If you can look at a bare foot without laughing, you have no sense of humor." Most of us are peculiar enough with meekness. . . but without it we are grotesque. It is worth the effort to be well shod for "the meek shall inherit the earth." Take good care of meekness and gentleness; no shabby treatment, for you will never find a better pair.

Now, how are you fixed with forbearance? One never knows when he will need to slip this on. Fortunately, this garment is not only essential to

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FRIENDS: Past, Present, and Future

By Arthur O. Roberts

An address given to a young Friends gathering held at Camp Menucha, on the Columbia River, March 11, 1967.

THE YOUNG MAN of nineteen joined his cousin one day at a fair. It was a hot afternoon and, joining a third, they went into a tavern for beer. After several drinks the cousin and his friend proposed that the one who stopped drinking first would have to pay for the beer.

This was the beginning of the Quaker movement. For the young man of nineteen was George Fox; and on that hot summer afternoon in England it struck him suddenly how shallow life was and how meaningless the Christian profession of his friends. And his own. After he had paid the tab, George went home, not to sleep but to pace through the night crying out to the Lord for some meaning to life other than frivolity for youth and boredom for the oldsters.

Three hundred twenty-four years have passed since that day in early September. The movement which George Fox led, after he had found Jesus Christ, aimed at renewal of the Church, aimed at recovering to people the joy of knowing Christ and being led of Him, and not just reading and hearing about Him. Within a decade after it got underway, the movement gathered in 50,000 converts in England. Hugh Barbour, my colleague in Quaker studies at Earlham College, has well stated that "Early Friends expected to transform the world totally by a bitter struggle against human self-will and pride. . . ." (preface xi) but laments, also, that since 1689 the Quakers instead "have gone about the world doing good by small degrees." (Quakers in Puritan England. Yale, 1965, p. 243).

You young Friends gathered here at Menucha, 120 strong, will not experience a Pentecost simply by recapitulating Quaker

history. Many of you know the story and could pick it up and recite the chapters, including the dull ones and the comic ones and the tragic ones. "Let the dead bury their dead. . . ." you may mutter, impatient to get on with better consecration, better methods, or better alignments for the Christian witness as we approach the third quarter of the twentieth century.

I would remind you, however, that you can kill a good new movement just by jumping over to it out of expediency as much as you can kill a good old movement by sticking with it for the sake of tradition. All forms of the church are subject to the erosion of sins, whether they be sins of willfulness or ignorance. Just as the flight to the suburbs is not a full answer to urbanization, so flight to this or that organization within Christianity is no full answer to secularism. The quagmire traps us. The suburban churches burgeon, the inner city churches die. Motion but not progress. So it can be with movements within the church. Now, I can just hear a sharp Jesuit brother from the wings giving out with a stage whisper, "Oh, you should all come home to mother—Rome, that is." But I would retort, "you're not mother—my cousin, maybe, but not mother!" In the words of George Fox, If we own an earthly "mother church," it would be Jerusalem.

And so I say, let us examine that Church family into which we have come, by front door or back door, birth, adoption, or marriage. Let us ask about its vision, so that as a company of committed young people we may test it as a means of Gospel witness in our world. We will trust to the Holy Spirit to correct our understanding so that we come into the unity of knowledge as we now

know the unity of the saving faith. For all who are born of God are true believers.

If our heritage is not to be a burden, like a houseful of heirlooms constantly to be dusted and protected from the children, let us separate the vital from the merely interesting. In our examination we may discover the title deeds to Biblical insights worthy of our greatest efforts to conserve and to extend.

Here are some important papers in the legacy after my examination of the old records.

1) Christianity is possession of Christ and not merely verbal or ritual description of Him.

2) To be a Christian means both forgiveness and cleansing from sin.

3) Holiness and peace belong together.

4) The Spirit who inspired the Scriptures enables us to understand them and to follow God's revelation in their light.

5) All Christians have gifts useful in edifying the church and witnessing to the world, gifts which can be shared and harmoniously ordered by the church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The theologians can wrestle with these statements and the Biblical scholars test them by chapter and verse. In any case they stand as a fair sample of our legacy. As a friend of the estate, as it were, I would naturally wish the heirs might more fully utilize their legacy. But because we are beset by many interests, and other legacies, our loyalty to the Quaker vision fluctuates. Elton Trueblood, at the 1952 Friends World Conference, charged the present generation of Friends were guilty of "treason to a great dream."

Some of this is the treason of those who join Bishop Robinson in apostatizing from the Christian faith. Some of it is the sin of "sloth," which Harvey Cox considers the deadly sin of the age. "Monstrous crimes committed by insipid sad-sacks like Adolf Eichman." (God's Revolution and Man's Responsibility. Judson Press, 1966) And some of this treason may be ignorance of that Biblical understanding of the believer's church which characterized our movement in its early vigor.

What about our church now? Where do we stand? First, I wish to characterize our attitudes toward our Quaker heritage and then describe the conditions of our corporate life. These attitudes are postures of our religious mind. Not that some take only one and some another, but these are ways by

which we look at ourselves on various occasions.

1) The antiquarian posture. He is delighted to rummage through the attic of our past, and if perchance something he finds is still serviceable, he smiles good-humoredly and goes back to his genealogies and the dusty letters of worthy Friends.

2) The ecumenist stance. Enamored with togetherness he seeks dialogue, federation, or union at the edge of his horizon, whether it be Harnock county, the city of Kroutland, holiness denominations, the Believer's church, or all Christians, or all religions,—all people in one great nonaffirming religion.

3) The housekeeper. He is plagued with the dirty basement, unfinished study, leaky roof, of our church. He tries to tidy up the Society of Friends, even if it means bringing a whole courtyard of diverse buildings under one roof.

4) The loner. He likes to be a Quaker because nobody has to take anything from anybody. It is his idea of being left alone religiously.

5) The sportsman. Church for him is a great game, as intriguing as chess in its politics, as delightful as the symphony in its aesthetics, and more fun than a picnic, especially at quarterly meeting potluck. But of course not the business meeting unless he delights in the nuances of minor politics.

6) Then there is the houseguest. He sits down gingerly and may cut his visit short at the slightest provocation. The extra goodies on the company table appeal to him.

7) The outgrafted scion is another. Clipped off an old Quaker family, he bears Quaker fruit on a Baptist root stock. Not a bad way to promulgate our principles—if you don't mind chopping out the water sprouts!

8) The ingrafted scion is clipped off some alien family and grafted onto durable old Quaker stock. After a chilling interlude in the cooler, the branch when grafted grows like mad and bears fruit heavily. Alas, it is sometimes broken off.

9) Another type is the iconoclast. This angry young man goes around smashing all our cherished procedures—such as quarterly meeting and the custom of passing the offering plate Sunday evenings. Under extreme pressure for doing things differently he may jump into this tangential movement or that, assuming its techniques are relevant because new to him.

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SPIRITUAL WEARINESS

By Gladys H. Cook

A message delivered at
Salem Quarterly Meeting
in February, 1967.

"...lest ye be wearied. . ." Hebrews 12:3

BEGINNINGS ARE always interesting. As we meet today in this lovely church at Silverton, one of the first times this church has played host to the sessions of Salem Quarterly Meeting, we are interested in the early days of this meeting. We remember the little match-box size school house at Silver Cliff where the first meetings were held. We remember with gratitude workers who are no longer with us. But while beginnings are interesting, continuance is vital. Frequently, when we meet people we have formerly pastored, Walter will greet them with the question, "How are you getting along with the Lord?" We know something of their beginnings, or their early years, but his concern is whether they are continuing in the faith. This was the concern too, of the author of Hebrews 12. His great burden is that spiritual weariness not overcome the runners in the Christian faith. Let us look at the causes, the consequences, and the cures of this malady of the soul.

In the physical realm, we know that many and varied factors can bring about fatigue. An excess of work, too strenuous exertion, indifference to rest periods, diseases of various kinds, and many other things can result in unwholesome weariness. Also in the spiritual realm, there may be a variety of causes, any one of which can bring about that spiritual weariness which is the concern of the apostle. We think of the strain of the race itself. Running is arduous, and causes great expenditure of strength. No person would enter this kind of athletic contest, without expecting to exert every ounce of energy at his command. The Christian has a race to run. It is set before him by the Master-hand; and marked out by the Word of God and the examples of faithful servants: that "great crowd of witnesses" mentioned above. To run this race is demanding, but must be persevered in; and this perseverance also takes its toll.

Another cause of weariness might be termed hindrances. The Apostle names two: weights and sins. We recognize that all sins are weights, but weights may not always be sins. Sometimes they are merely the super-

fluous and unnecessary, but such things only increase the difficulty of running. The writer to the Hebrews speaks of "the sin which doth so easily beset us." Someone has called it "the sin which so easily upsets us." It, too, is a hindering thing, and acts as a drag upon the runner.

Besides hindrances, the runner contends with opposition from without. While it is a thrill to contemplate the "great cloud of witnesses," there may be other observers, and these would be Satan's hosts. Satanic opposition is very real as the earnest Christian soon learns. His devices press down, become burdensome and weary the soul. Then, there are the discouragers. Unfortunately, there are some people who may unwittingly be a tool in Satan's hands. They are the "what's-the-use" crowd; the ones who always see the difficulties of the way, and who discourage by their defeatist attitude. Satan, himself, finds many other ways to bring pressure and opposition to wear down the child of God.

With these things already mentioned, we would add the trials of life, and the chastisements of the soul. Possibly this latter class is the greatest cause of spiritual weariness, because it is so little understood. The Christian life has trials. Of this, the New Testament speaks plainly. Peter admonishes us not to think it "strange" when the fiery trials or tests befalls us, yet so many Christians are astonished and almost overcome when unexpected trials or tests come to them. They seem totally unprepared and can only cry out an agonized "Why?" One of the sharpest stings to it all is failure to comprehend that a loving Father allows some of these experiences to chasten and correct His children. The length of the trial, too, may prove wearing. A dear woman once said to me, "I could stand this if I only knew there would be an end soon, but it just keeps on, keeping on, and keeping on."

There may be other causes of spiritual weariness, but what about the consequences? The writer to the Hebrews mentions one in connection with our text: "...lest ye be

wearied and faint in your minds." Spiritual weariness affects our thinking very quickly. How often questions arise to plague and annoy! "Is it all worthwhile?" "Do my church friends really appreciate the work I do?" "How long do we have to put up with the unfaithfulness of some people?" "Is my part really important after all?" One depressing question follows another, until faintness of mind becomes faintness of spirit also, and we have no heart for strong Christian endeavor.

A second consequence is very soon evident, for weariness causes a slowing down in the race. Thoughts do affect actions. Spiritual weariness and mental depression are a drag on the Christian runner. Where once he was alert, exerting every effort, now there is a perceptible slacking in pace. He is still running, but definitely slowing down. One of the tragedies in the Christian Church has been to see this slowing down process at work on the new convert. Where initially, his zeal and enthusiasm were at a high pitch, there comes that subtle letting down, and a slowing-up in the race. Dragging feet replace the eager steps of a once good runner. Every sign points to a weariness that should not be there.

But not only does spiritual weariness cause a slowing down of the runner himself, it has another effect that sometimes is disastrous. An indifferent runner hinders others also, and prevents their speed. In recent months in Eugene, there has developed quite an interest in what is called "jogging." Jogging is a form of running quite different from racing. The jogger runs awhile at a sort of trot, then walks awhile, then trots again. We frequently see these joggers on West 18th as they pass the church, and often wonder what they'd be like on a race track. Picture, if you will, one of our University track meets. Just as the runners get well under way, they suddenly become aware of a jogger on the track ahead of them. He isn't really running; he's just jogging along. They can't go over him; they can't go around him; and some can't get past him. It is impossible for the racers to put on their best speed while he continues his own slow pace. What a picture of some church workers! They jog awhile, and walk awhile, and jog again; apparently unaware that they are impeding the progress of others.

One more consequence of spiritual weariness needs to be mentioned. That is the danger of a once good runner quitting altogether. This emphasizes the fact that a good

start is not sufficient; that continuance is vital. In every new community we move into, we find those who have dropped out of the race. They tell us how they used to teach Sunday school in our church, how the husband had been Sunday School Superintendent once, how fifteen years ago they never used to miss a service. What happened to these people? They give us their excuses. Of course they vary greatly in detail, but it all boils down to this: the runners simply got tired of the demands of the race. They quit. In verses 15-16 of Hebrews 12, we have suggested a picture of four quitters. The writer exhorts "lest any man fail (or fall from) the grace of God." This suggests that one who has backslidden, the one who fifteen years ago may have been running energetically, but now has quit. Again, "lest any root of bitterness springing up. . . trouble you."

So many people have been defeated here. A real or fancied wrong has been done to them, but they do not, for Christ's sake, freely forgive the offender. Rather, they hug the hurt to their bosoms, and the root of bitterness "springs up" to trouble them and to hinder or "defile" their church group. Or, it may be someone has refused to walk in the light of holiness, and has not received the cleansing of the Holy Spirit. If one walks behind light, he too, soon becomes a spiritual "drop-out." The writer continues: "lest there be any fornicator. . . as Esau. . . lest there be any profane person as Esau. . ." Like a man turning his back on the wife of his youth, and setting his affections unlawfully on another, so Esau turned his back on God. He was a quitter. Again, Esau is referred to as profane, or as some versions read, "Godless," "worldly-minded." He, who once had listened to God, now turned away and lived his life without God. Oh, how our heart cries out to those we love—to those we watched with joy start out in this Christian race! How we would say to you: Watch out for this insidious plague of spiritual weariness. It can lead you to quitting altogether. Paul cried out in sorrow to the Galatians, "Ye did run well, who did hinder you. . . ?"

But thank God, while there are serious consequences of spiritual weariness there are cures for this malady. Let us note five of them. First is the obvious one spoken of in verse one. "Lay aside"—get rid of the hindering things. The writer calls them "weights" and "sins." As we have seen, weights may not necessarily be sins but they are the superfluous, the unnecessary, that

hinder and hold back. This so-called weight may in itself be proper and seemingly harmless, but how foolish to cling to unnecessary weights and slow yourself down. Roman togas were graceful garments but they were not made for the runner in a race. Each Christian must decide what it is in his life that is superfluous and lay it aside. But there is no such consideration for sins. They must be cast aside immediately when recognized as sins.

A second cure is connected with our text: ". . . consider him who endured. . . lest ye be wearied. . ." What trials Christ met and overcame! When we meditate on the example of Christ, our hearts are stirred with fresh zeal. His suffering, His treatment of shame, His endurance melt us and move us to renewed consecration. How He kept the goal before Him always: the joy that was to be His when He had accomplished His work and entered again into His Father's presence! How can our hearts grow weary when we "consider Him!"

The Old Testament gives us a third cure for weariness. In Isaiah 40:31 we read "they that wait upon the Lord. . . shall run, and not be weary." Praise the Lord for His gracious help! When your soul has been bowed down with care, have you tried going to your closet and talking with your Father about it? His holy promise is that if you wait before Him in the communion of prayer you will receive renewed strength, and will be able to run without weariness. What a cure!

Again, we turn to Hebrews. In Verses 5-11, the subject is chastening, and we see what is so hard for many Christians to accept: that chastening comes as the result of God's love. In Proverbs 3:11 we read "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of His correction." Solomon saw the possibility of weariness creeping in at this point and he continues "For whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth." This then, is the cure. "Despise not" but accept as a token of His love. Rest comes in acceptance and in faith in His love. This is also true of the trials of life that are not necessarily chastisement. Rest in God and implicit faith in His great love are all we need.

The last cure we want to mention is this: dwell in the Spirit. The author of this Epistle urges that we ". . . follow the holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Heart holiness is the great stabilizer. Life in the Spirit invigorates. Life in the Spirit re-

freshes. Life in the Spirit preserves. Such a life does not know the drag of spiritual weariness.

How is it with you today? You, who began to run well in the early days of this church, what are you doing now? To each one here today, I would put this question: "Are you continuing with vigor, and zeal, and eagerness in that race you so joyfully entered?" There is no need to let the causes of weariness defeat us until this plague settles down upon our souls. There are serious consequences for those who do. But, thank God, there are cures in God's provisions of grace to combat this spiritual malady. Let us run, therefore, with patience; with perseverance. ●

a letter to the editor

To the editor:

I would first of all commend the staff for printing the controversial article by Miss Marjorie Hadley. If this is a representative article of the college-age set, it demands a listening ear from the Church.

The article raises several basic questions, however. Is change always a sign of progress? Is the Church as far out of step as this particular account would have us believe? . . . or is the college youth out of step with the basic mission of the Church, i.e. to preach Christ to a new generation of young people who are still bothered by the same old problem; sin.

What new ideas, theories or philosophies, is the Church to hear and accept? What new methods do we use to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ? "For after that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (I Corinthians 1:21) What would take the place of worship, singing of hymns, etc. Questions are easy to raise; difficult to answer.

I am mindful of the fact that we are living in an age of rapid change and revolution. The philosophy of democratic government and free enterprise, and the respect for personal integrity and moral living are constantly being challenged. Is this another attempt to do that which seems right in our own eyes? May God help us to be, "Geared to the times, but anchored to the Rock."

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The Northwest Friend

. . . TO GRAPPLE WITH THE PROBLEMS



By LeRoy Benham

LeRoy Benham, graphic designer and photographer at The Barclay Press, was one of 120 young Friends under 35 who were called together for a special conference at Menucha, March 11 and 12. In this article LeRoy provides insight into the conference, its messages, its give-and-take discussions. LeRoy is an active layman in the church at West Chehalis.

THE AIR WAS crisp and cold at camp Menucha on the Columbia River when we arrived for the young Friends conference. There were many people I had known in the past but probably as many I had never met. Somehow our common interest in the growth of Oregon Yearly Meeting knit us together in tight fellowship. No time was wasted "warming up" as all those attending had given considerable thought to the concerns on their hearts.

Jack Willcuts opened the sessions with a presentation entitled "They and Us," ably directed at pinpointing responsibility for growth and outreach. This may sound elementary but somehow young people get the idea that any force or body outside themselves is alien, or at least separate. His comments helped to establish the precept that, in part, we are the church.

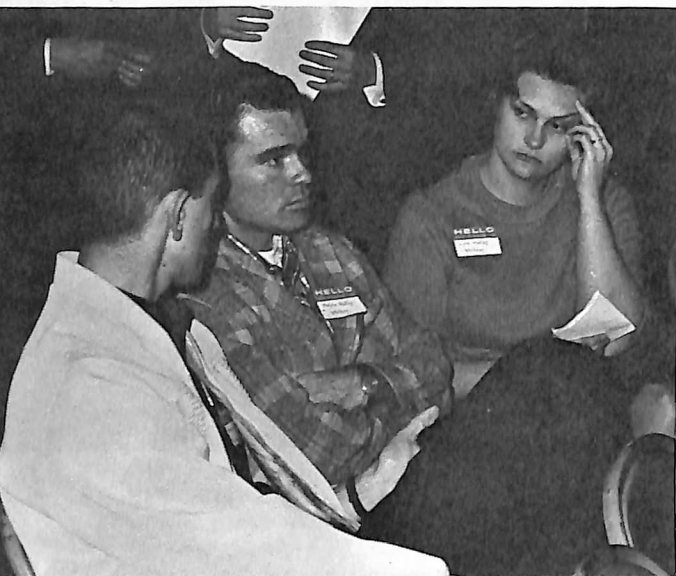
Jack named two purposes for our meeting under these circumstances; to grapple with the problems we see, and to receive en-

lightenment and inspiration. He expressed concern for the evidence of discouragement he had observed over the Yearly Meeting even among the young people, but on the other hand he was encouraged by the fact that conviction, spiritual hunger, and a desire to see the will of God accomplished, had brought together this group of about 120 young people. He observed that the church must live a clear-cut Christian faith or face its demise. This faith cannot be based on theology; only on the basis of conviction can it suffice. In summary he observed that he is critical of the church because he loves it, just as he is critical of his own children, but no one else had better be critical of his children. His main thrust was that we are to be agents in the church not "re-agents."

The presentation of Arthur Roberts scanned the years from George Fox through our present condition and on into the future. His thoughts on what Christianity is, the Quaker legacy and our attitude toward it, and the implications of ecumenism were rich

with information and inspiration but I will not present them in detail as the complete presentation is printed elsewhere in this issue. I might just draw out two thoughts I consider especially relevant: when the social order falls apart the church falls together; and the world no longer grants special favors to the church.

A panel of four young Quakers followed these two presentations, asking questions and bringing observations. One asked, what are



the purposes of the various services of the church; are they overlapping or competing? Another observed that the reason for the failure of the church to grow has been the erosion of sin (mentioned by Arthur Roberts). Another stated that he was working for the Lord rather than the Quaker church, and he felt that he could serve in another denomination just as well. The question was raised as to why we want to grow as a denomination. Although time did not allow us to discuss this question I think the young man had in mind the dangerous fact that some desire the growth of Oregon Yearly Meeting to enhance its prestige. This is not a worthy reason for growth and could possibly be part of the reason for our failure to grow in the proper way. One of the young women rose to express her concern, being a relatively new Christian and Quaker. She compared the Quaker church to a manufacturing company making lawnmowers. The company is constantly extolling the virtues of the Quaker lawnmower, but never cuts any grass. She pointed out that the Lord commanded that his disciples preach and teach the Gospel. This is the grass we need to cut.

Clynton Crisman presented the work of the church extension area of the church, stating the policies and plans of the Board of Evangelism. Clynton explained the various methods of financing for new buildings. A panel of young Friends made observations following this presentation. One young man observed that personal evangelism is an important method of growth that we must not overlook. A young woman thought that the Quaker church has a job to do, but it isn't sure how to do it. She testified that the best outreach she had experienced had been in a service of the church. Her conviction was that successful personal evangelism requires surrender and sacrifice. A third young Friend stated that the Friends church is worrying about little things while the world is considering serious spiritual matters. A young man outlined three points for personal evangelism: 1. Be sanctified and committed. 2. Pray for vision and opportunities. 3. Maintain contact with the world.

The interest of higher education was presented by Milo Ross. He spoke with some urgency of the need for broader financial support of the college among the people of the church, pointing out that many small colleges have gone under for lack of such support.

On Sunday morning Gerald Dillon presented the devotions at 8:30 a. m. His theme was that we are the channels of the Holy Spirit because he chooses to work that way. There is no higher calling than to be the channels of God's love, power, mercy and truth. The beauty of God is refracted through the prisms of righteous men. He emphasized the fact that we must always think as John 14:5, "The Spirit that dwelleth in us doeth these things."

At the Sunday school hour Quentin Nordyke and Jack Willcuts presented the mission aspect of Oregon Yearly Meeting. Quentin asked several questions to stir up our thinking, such as; are our missionary methods scriptural? What is the place of young people in the mission program? How do you correlate scriptural teaching with cultural development? Are forms of worship universal? Quentin was firm in his conviction that mission support must be a personal commitment. He said also that the message must relate to the here and now while remembering that satisfied bodies are not sufficient results without satisfied souls. The Gospel, however, is only good news if it meets the needs of the individual. It was observed that some people are purged of the guilt of apathy by an annual offering. The senders of mission-

aries must be informed about the needs, willing to underwrite the expense, and prayerful, if the mission program is to succeed.

Four young Friends again discussed the presentation, asking many questions and making observations. One young man asked how many missionary couples are needed on the field in Peru, and is there danger of cultural overhang? Some discussion was given to the fact that there are so many classes of people that we are not reaching with the Gospel, such as the professional people and business community of large foreign cities. It was observed that the group at the conference represented a vast reservoir of resources for the support of the ministry of outreach, financial, prayer, reproductive, abilities and skills and many other areas.

At the worship hour Jack Willcuts spoke on the subject, "Will you be healed?" referring to the man by the pool who waited for the troubling of the water. We, the Friends church, should expect the troubling of the water. His first point was "do you really want to be healed?" The power of the human will is great and we can prevent healing by determination. We must have hope and be willing to respond to the leading of the Spirit. The second point was that we must be willing to leave the conditions of illness. Jack's admonition was to leave whatever sin is holding us down and take up our bed and walk. If you don't take up your bed it's too easy to just lie down again.

In the afternoon an attempt was made to wrap up all the discussion that had gone before. About six panelists participated, presenting their conclusions and asking more questions. Some of the important points were: The skepticism of the world does rub off on the Christian; Society is success oriented to the point that Christians hesitate to become involved for fear of failure; That we must rediscover the meaning of total commitment; The Quaker church has a unique New Testament message that it should proclaim unashamedly. Someone quoted the phrase "The Lord's treasure must needs be in earthen vessels." These vessels must be sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit.

The time was short and we had to end our time of sharing. We divided into about ten small groups to have a season of prayer. I think everyone was impressed with the fact that every area of need is individual and that every avenue of service must be traveled by committed individuals. Many questions went unanswered but I hope that everyone found his own personal answer. ●

FROM MIDYEAR BOARD MEETINGS...

TWO MAJOR decisions will be considered at the next Yearly Meeting sessions which were reviewed and studied by the Executive Council and other boards in the Midyear meetings. One of these is the proposed revision of the procedure for the recording of ministers. Considerable time was given to this both at last Yearly Meeting and again in the Executive Council sessions. It was decided to refer the matter again to the floor of the Yearly Meeting as the Executive Council, after hearing the opinions voiced by many Friends regarding procedures, concluded no major changes were necessary and recommends the proposition again be submitted for approval.

The other matter pertains to the proposed major revision of the structure of the Quarterly Meeting. The Board of Evangelism was charged by the Yearly Meeting in session last year to prepare a study of possible changes in the Quarterly Meeting organization. A sub-committee of the Board of Evangelism composed of Earl Barker, Oscar Brown and Elwood Mylander submitted a detailed plan involving various revisions in the present pattern of Quarterly Meetings. This will also be presented at the next Yearly Meeting in August.

Anyone wishing mimeographed copies of either of these important actions to come before the Yearly Meeting, may secure them for study by writing the Yearly Meeting office, P. O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

The new proposed United Budget prepared by the Executive Council will be presented to all the churches early in April. A sixteen-page brochure explaining the budget, with colored slide charts and pictures and tapes are being prepared for distribution. Ralph Arensmier, Yearly Meeting treasurer, will conduct a class for a team of persons including Quarterly Meeting members of the Board of Finance, who will then carry the brochures, illustrations and tapes for a presentation before each church in April and May. It is hoped this thorough presentation will permit each Meeting to intelligently and faithfully make their United Budget pledge.

Mrs. Beatrice Goldsmith has been hired by the Executive Council to become a member of the Yearly Meeting office staff next August in a position known as "Business Secretary." Mrs. Eilene Nordyke will con-

tinue as Administrative Secretary; Leta Hickman is resigning her duties to continue only on a part-time basis as needed. Mrs. Arlene Moore also will resign this summer as Assistant Treasurer. Mrs. Goldsmith will be in charge of insurance, bookkeeping, payroll, legal records and similar responsibilities related to all departmental and board work.

—J. L. W.



Panorama of OYM Church Events

Star Begins New Building

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held at the Friends church in Star, Idaho, on Sunday afternoon, March 5, at 2:00 o'clock. The church is completing plans for the construction of a new church edifice which will include a sanctuary, Christian Education unit and a social hall.

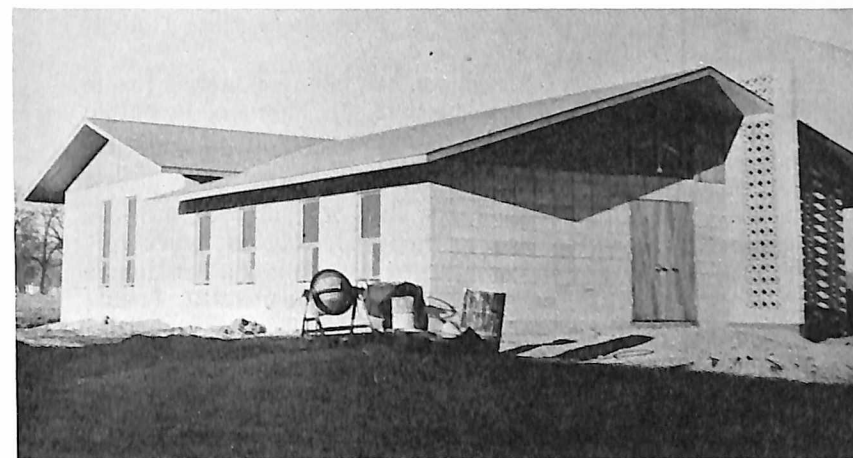
Jack L. Willcuts, our Yearly Meeting Superintendent, was the featured speaker for the occasion. Others on the program were: Raymond Haworth, the Sunday school superintendent; Arnold Lee, Presiding Clerk and chairman of the Building Committee; Dale Field, Boise Friends church pastor and Quarterly Meeting superintendent; Dorwin Smith and Willard Kennon, former pastors; and the pastor, Dean Gregory.

Of special interest and significance was the presence of Pearl Rinard, resident of Star since 1905 and the only charter member of the Star Friends church living in the community. Her remarks reflected something of her brilliant mind and gentle spirit when she said, "I hate to see the old church go, but let it go, we must make room for progress."

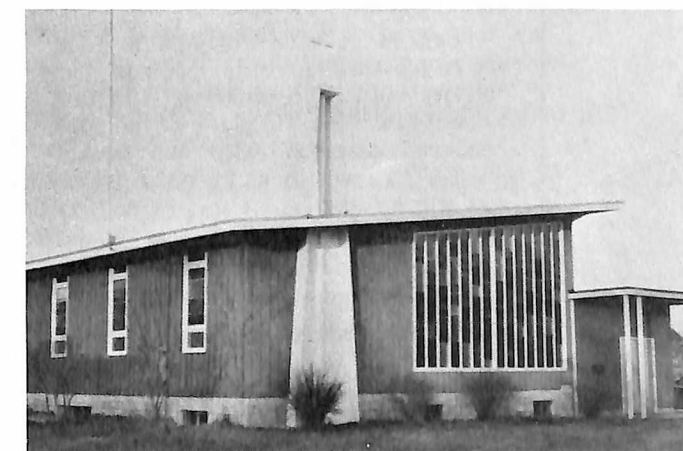
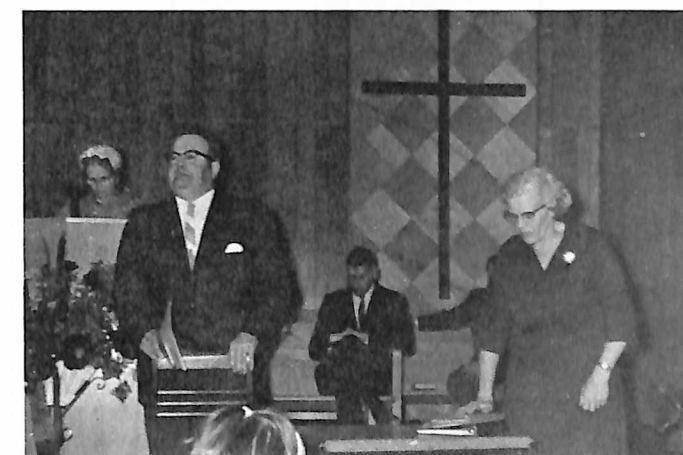
The total cost of the new plant, of around 10,000 square feet of floor space, is estimated to be \$53,000.00 and the congregation will donate much of the labor in building. Donald Lindgren, of Vancouver, Washington, is the architect and Clifton Ralphs, a contractor and member of the Star meeting, will have charge of the building program.

The church hopes to complete the new building and have it ready for occupancy by late summer of this year. The old structure will be removed to provide space for off-street parking and lawn.

Photos at left show events at recent groundbreaking for new church building at Star, Idaho. Jack Willcuts addresses group with other participants seated. They include (from left) Raymond Haworth, Arnold Lee, Dean Gregory, Dorwin Smith, Willard Kennon and Dale Field. Middle photo shows large crowd that attended the event, and while onlookers give smiles of approval, Jack Willcuts wields shovel.



New church building at Emmett, Idaho, nears completion.



Various important events around the Yearly Meeting have been recorded on film recently. Photos below show the groundbreaking ceremony at Melba, Idaho, for their new parsonage with Harley Adams, pastor, Dale Field, John Farmer, clerk, and Jack Willcuts. Lower left shows Walter Cook, Eugene, Oregon, pastor and Thelma Rose admiring cake at Eugene's 15th anniversary observance. Hayden Lake in Idaho has recently become a Monthly Meeting. Photo at top shows clerk Glen Moor presiding and recording clerk Ruth Raml at the Sunday afternoon session officially setting up the Monthly Meeting. The Hayden Lake church building is shown below.

Manor Meditations



You are aware that there have been numerous committees on aging (even one chosen by the President). You are also aware that none of these committees has found a means of preventing this condition.

In Psalm 90:10, Moses said "The years of our life are threescore and ten, or if by reason of strength fourscore, yet their span is but toil and trouble, they are soon gone and we fly away."

That was accurate and logical for the time in which it was written. There were no dentures in those days, no eyeglasses and no hearing aids. Also no Manor infirmary. These helps with competent doctors, have lengthened life considerably and have made old age much more interesting.

A life insurance company's pamphlet says: Remember these words of wisdom, expounded by the ancient philosopher Zoroaster "Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years; people grow old by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but the giving up of enthusiasm wrinkles the soul."

Some of us have reached a point where we must give up much of our activity and have learned to be willing to settle for less. In place of the surrendered activity, why not accept SERENITY, which can be ours by the end of our days?

Isaiah (40:31) has succeeded in convincing us that "they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength."

There is more encouragement in Isaiah 26:3 "Thou dost keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts in thee." ●

FRIENDS BIBLE COLLEGE SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

College Dean Harold O. Thompson has been named President of Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, to succeed Stanley D. Brown, who has resigned to continue special studies at Fort Hays State College for an education degree.

Mr. Thompson has been an instructor in the school since 1948. He has been Principal of the Academy (four-year high school) and Dean of the College.

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Dreams for a student center at Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, were fulfilled in February by the offer of a "challenge gift" of \$50,000.00, according to FBC President Stanley D. Brown.

The challenge gift offer was made by Dr. William Broadhurst, trustee of the Broadhurst Foundation, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He stated, "If your group will raise \$50,000.00 in cash, or pledges payable within two years, which should be by the time the building is completed, we will give you \$50,000.00."

The FBC Board of Trustees in its annual full-board meeting, February 17, accepted the challenge as relayed from Dr. Broadhurst by FBC Financial Representative Roscoe Knight, and responded immediately with \$9,000.00 in cash and pledges. ●

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resist the winds of opposition, it also comes in nice, attractive cuts and colors. These colors are best selected by holding them up to contrasts. Webster lists these clashing opposites of forbearance as "to avoid, shun or injure." If any of these contrast clothes hang in your wardrobe, you made a poor selection; you will be cold before you even get home from church.

Notice this counter filled with exciting accessories before you go. Without these, the rest is incomplete, "Above all put on charity." The most expensive suit requires a matching tie. A corsage sets off any ensemble and the lady wearing it. Like the sash of an oriental robe, the final putting on of Christian love graces the garments of goodness.

"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, . . . shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matthew 6:30).

Be well-dressed this Spring, Friends. ●

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Me, A Youth Sponsor?

By M. Gene Hockett

TOO FREQUENTLY this is the answer received when well-meaning adults are approached about the possibility of being a Friends Youth sponsor. Is this answer prompted because they think of reports about how hard it is to sponsor the youth, or of the pranks they have heard about, or any other unending list of problems that come to mind? These may all be realistic but they are only one side of the picture.

Consider the troubled youth who are seeking the meaning of life, or the ones seeking someone in whom they can confide their deepest fears. Think of those wanting someone who will listen to honest questions without condemning them. These youth need someone who will show an interest in them, pray for them and encourage them in the Christian walk; someone who will lift them up when they have fallen, strengthen when they are weak. This is part of being a sponsor!

Oregon Yearly Meeting has some of the finest youth that can be found anywhere—youth who are facing the challenges of the space age with real vigor and exploration. Their vision and goals are to be commended; yet, they are needing help in sorting out the important issues of living.

To whom will these youth turn for guidance and answers? Will it be their FY sponsor? It will be if the sponsor has unconditionally accepted the youth as individual people, thus inspiring their respect and confidence.

Serious consideration must be given to the call and selection of adult leaders who will work in the youth program of every church. Adults need to have the following characteristics in order to make successful youth leaders: maturity in spiritual life and conduct; compassion for the souls and lives of young men and women; patience to guide youth through unstable experiences—this requires a knowledge of human understanding and behavior; love for God and a love for youth that they will feel and to which they will respond.

The strength of the youth work of Oregon Yearly Meeting depends largely upon the adult leadership. Pray that the Lord will lead in the selection of each Friends Youth sponsor. ●

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As we stopped at the house, Roger drove up also and remarked it was unusual for him to be in at that time of day. "The Lord must have brought us together!" he said. His wife, Edna, called a quick, unexpected recess from teaching their two small daughters and prepared coffee. (Her cook returned after we were finished to report no stores in the neighborhood had any milk "today," as she had been dispatched to get some for us.) We shared some candy with the youngsters and enjoyed the visit immensely.

"What do you have to pay for house rent here?"

"This place (a rather small but clean little two story bungalow) is a bargain—we pay only \$155 a month. Living costs are high here."

"Do you have a church?"

"Well, we have several congregations but only one church. Legal problems in building churches are almost insurmountable. We do have Bible classes in our home, as do several of the Christian families."

"Is this a good way to get a church started?"

"We think so. However, there are several difficulties in this, because it is against the law to hold 'public' religious services in one's home. Several legal ways around this rule have been devised. For instance, if the front door is left open, it is not considered a religious service, so many Christians having meetings in their homes keep a youngster holding the front door open."

Both Greenway and Henry insisted Mexico City is a ripe field for missionary work in spite of many hampering problems. David Henry believes there are around 400 congregations (though many less churches) and probably two thirds of these are pentecostal groups of one type or another. There is only one church for every 15,000 people, Mr. Henry reported.

Mexico City is as close to Chicago as it is to Los Angeles (about 3,000 miles), and it is almost as large also. The rate of growth is fantastic—if the present trend prevails a population of 20 million is expected by 1980.

Roscoe and Tina Knight hope to take up residence in Mexico City some time this summer under the support of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

—J. L. W. ●

OYM MINISTERS TO MEET APRIL 24-27

By Kenneth Pitts
Program Chairman

OREGON YEARLY MEETING Ministers Conference again will be held at Cannon Beach, April 24 - 27. The program and plans have been announced by Paul Baker, president and Kenneth Pitts, program chairman of the OYM Ministerial Association.

In pursuing the theme: "Operation Advance—Still Onward" the program will feature George Delamarter, co-author of the book, *Go* and also "Salvation by Appointment," in a series of lectures and dialogue-forum sessions. In his book, co-authored by Charles Kingsley, Delamarter presents a practical and effective plan for outreach and evangelism. Being a pastor in the Free Methodist Church he has tested the principles of his books in actual practice with amazing results. George Delamarter not only presents his subject material with contagious enthusiasm, but is also a dynamic speaker. All pastors will want to attend these sessions beginning Monday night, and also will find it most helpful to study the book *Go* in advance of the conference.

A special missions seminar is being planned by Charles Ball, president of the Mission Board, and other personnel. The purpose of this presentation is to share in depth with the pastors the workings of the missionary enterprises of our Yearly Meeting, which will be further highlighted by reports from the visit to South America preceding the conference.

Annual features which pastors always anticipate, will be the Superintendent's Hour, by Jack Willcuts, and the College Hour by Dr. Milo Ross. There will be the opportunity to hear in detail the plans of the newly expanded Group Insurance policy, as explained by Phil Harmon.

"A ministry born of deep heart concern," by Charles Beals is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday nights. It will be spiritually refreshing to hear Charles in the role of a minister.

Music, in the spirit and style uniquely Herschel Thornburg's, is being planned for the purpose of special inspiration and relaxation of the hard-working ministers of Oregon Yearly Meeting.

The closing session will be a treatment of the pastor-layman relationship by Mrs. Ralph Arensmeier. In this presentation she taps the inner thoughts and wishes of the layman concerning his pastor, and reciprocally the wishes of a pastor concerning his laymen.

Prices for rooms at Cannon Beach Conference Grounds, will be \$7.75 for four people in one room with heat and bedding furnished. This would be about \$1.95 per person, but they will put a roll-away bed in these rooms for one more person at no extra cost and the cost per person would be reduced to \$1.55.

Those who wish to have better accommodations than this must pay for them at their own expense.

Meals will be 50¢ for breakfast, 90¢ for lunch and \$1.35 for dinner, or \$2.75 per day.

Book Nook

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PARTY IDEAS FOR CHILDREN
Lora Lee Parrott, Zondervan. 151 pp. \$3.95

For those who are looking for new ideas and helps to "liven up" those parties for children, here is a book which will prove practical and most helpful. "Something new has been added," will be the observation of children as well as their sponsors when this book has been used.

The author has both covered a wide age-range, from pre-schoolers to junior high, as well as a broad field of party interests for children. The themes run from a "Noah's Ark Party" to an "Outer Space Party," combining Biblical themes with the most modern concepts of everyday living ideas.

To aid the party sponsors, there is included with each party plan an interesting and delightful recipe suggestion. These colorful and novel ideas on food will add zest and enjoyment to any children's party.

Throughout the book there has been maintained a high degree of excellence in both content and composition. This book will make a valuable addition to church and home libraries.

—Dean Gregory

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Special Notices

Rules of Discipline of the Oregon Yearly Meeting wanted for a collection of Disciplines; various dates, editions, and imprints. Describe and price. Rendell Rhoades, 433 Buena Vista, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

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Personnel Needs at GFC

As a service to our college, we are printing the following announcement: George Fox College will have a vacancy in its business office commencing this summer for the position of Bursar. The major duties are to maintain cost accounts, journal and ledger for the college; be responsible for all receipts and disbursements; and to prepare reports as necessary based on accounting records. Those who qualify and are interested should write: Dean of Administration, George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

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10) There is also the identity-seeker. Like Diogenes looking for an honest man, this earnest fellow is trying to find out what a Quaker really is, and who this family of Christians belongs to. And well he might, for the 200,000 Quakers in the world present more than three faces to the world—in fact about every religious profile from Pentecostal to Unitarian.

I see myself in several of these faces. Perhaps the list serves as a mirror for you, too. Logan Smith, a veteran Friends' minister in the Midwest, former missionary to Africa, bluntly charged recently (in *Quaker Life*, February 1967) that we have no distinctive denomination and should give up the pretense. Better, thinks Smith, for the twenty-five percent true blue Quakers to shape up a little core of dedicated ones. The others should be turned over to congenial denominations. From his experience he concludes that 75 percent of the members of Quaker churches couldn't care less about the Quaker label. What Smith fails to consider, however, that for such people to join another group—call it the united church or what not—doesn't solve the problem of apathy or lack of concern. It might bring greater stewardship, but on the other hand it might well

include greater complacency.

What about our denomination? Well, as I have said, there are 200,000 of us, three fifths of them in the United States. Of those in the United States, two thirds are in pastoral meetings, the rest non-pastoral. Of those in the United States approximately half are in the Friends United Meeting, one fourth in the Evangelical Friends Alliance. Oregon Yearly Meeting belongs to this latter grouping, along with Ohio, Kansas, and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings.

But it would be misleading to assume that the adjective "evangelical" belongs exclusively to the latter group. Most within the Friends United Meeting are evangelical in faith, although some are not. Our neighbor yearly meeting to the south, California, is an example of Friends whose evangelical principles are very similar to ours.

As far as our denominational loyalty is concerned, as distinct from dedication to our local work and regional cooperation, these facts seem discouraging to us: 1) we are shattered and do not give a positive image to the world, liberals and conservatives apparently contradicting each other in public pronouncements and types of witness; and 2) we are shrinking in numbers relative to the population of the world. Nevertheless, we can look to some positive facts and then discover certain encouraging signs.

Although it has taken twenty years for Oregon Yearly Meeting to reproduce itself in the northwest, we have a "double" in the five to six thousand Aymara believers in Peru and Bolivia. As a result of the missionary effort of several yearly meetings within the twentieth century, one fourth of the world population is non-European, that is African and Latin American Quakers aggregate 50,000 or more persons.

Certain signs indicate how the Holy Spirit would lead us and help us recover that sense of corporate mission which brought renewal to the seventeenth century. These signs are:

1) Recognition of our calling to witness to the world, and not just to witness to ourselves. Newbigin rightly indicates that secularization is a result of the freedom from bondage which accompanies the preaching of Christianity. We need not fear man's efforts at creativity, freed from conditions of servitude. Granted worship of that freedom is the sin of pride called secularism, the fact remains that Christianity is an incarnational faith, that is, God is acting in the world. There are not two orders, one

sacred the other profane, but God's world and God's witness. The new anticlericalism which sweeps our country and others is a warning for the church not simply to play religious games. Revolution is a fact of our times. Timeliness of the Service Over Seas team, Jerry Sandoz, Jon Newkirk, Fred Gregory, is that the world wants both demonstration and proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ. How pathetic it would be if Quakers were to become priestly and pompous precisely when the world is ready to understand the Quaker vision of the priesthood of all believers, wherein every Christian has a ministry, whether released or not. Your coming here to Menucha indicates your response to that call for the Quaker meaning of Gospel ministry.

2) Openness to greater Christian unity. Even though subject to idolatry, too, it does mean we take a long look at cooperation and Christian comity in order to make the Lord's money go farther in a world which is no longer ready to give Christianity special favors.

3) Movements for renewal within the Friends Church. These movements include the following:

a) Recent scholarship which has cleared our legacy of a clouded title and given us confidence in the high Christian vision of our early Quaker leaders.

b) The Association of Evangelical Friends. A movement was born out of deep concern for an evangelical witness during the modernist-dominated days of the earlier decades of our century. It flowered into a series of triennial conferences, beginning at Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1947. The eighth is planned for Indiana in the summer of 1968. At these conferences, individual Friends from across the yearly meeting lines have met for prayer and inspiration and to witness the evangelical tenets of the faith. The magazine Concern carried the message in print.

c) Renewed evangelical leadership in the Friends United Meeting. Almost at the onset of the Five Years Meeting, at the turn of the century, this great dream for a united Friends Church ran into the liberal-fundamentalist tensions which swept across Protestantism during the early decades of this century. But leaders such as Eugene Coffin, in the Board of Evangelism and Outreach and spokesmen such as Keith Sarver, of California Yearly Meeting, and Canby Jones of Wilmington, have given bold leadership to help the F. U. M. to find its way to greater

evangelical strength. Even within the Friends General Conference individuals such as Lewis Benson and Dean Freiday are calling these Friends back to a community of Jesus Christ.

Of more immediate interest to us in Oregon Yearly Meeting is the Evangelical Friends Alliance. Several years in shaping, it does provide a way out of our regionalism without compromising our evangelical testimonies. The four yearly meetings have caught a greater vision of the church than hitherto and have sensed anew the strength which unity and fellowship bring to local programs. The second youth leadership conference scheduled this summer in Iowa, under the direction of Lonny Fendall, bids fair to continue the inspiration of the previous one held in Colorado in 1965. Our united focus on missions, first in the work in Nepal and now soon with Roscoe Knight going to Mexico will help us find ourselves beyond the confines of a geographic or customary regionalism. The combination of the regional magazines into one will help in this regard, too; and in my opinion is one of the most vital parts of our Alliance program.

Oregon Yearly Meeting in 1961 adopted the goals for a Friends Church in this position statement: 1) to strengthen bonds of denomination, 2) to clarify doctrines, and 3) to work toward a Friends Church evangelical in nature and world wide in scope. A Committee on Ecumenical Relations was appointed to give direction to the fulfillment of these aims. Directly or indirectly the following activities have resulted from that policy statement and yearly meeting initiative.

1) Greater reciprocity with California Yearly Meeting, our neighbor to the south.

2) Participation in a significant conference on doctrine, sponsored by the Association of Evangelical Friends, last summer in Colorado.

3) Cooperation with the Alliance, a step toward what we hope will eventuate one day in a Friends church reunited in doctrine and able to effect its witness worldwide without dissipating its strength through contradiction.

The early Friends learned how to "stay put" under fire of persecution. Because of this they gave an effective Christian witness in their day, on behalf of freedom and evangelical faith.

Now, if you will hold steady we can once again see our movement united in faith and action. A Friends Church evangelical in nature and worldwide in scope will come. This is my vision. May it be yours also! ●

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LISTEN LITTLE QUAKERS

By Betty Hockett

IS MY NAME WRITTEN THERE?

IT WAS A SUNNY, lazy-feeling spring afternoon. . . the kind of day when everyone you met said, "Isn't this a beautiful day?" or "I wish the swimming pool was open" or "Guess I've got spring fever today!" It wasn't really quite all that hot, but it was warm enough to sit on the front porch. And that's just what I was doing.

I was looking through my "Birthday Book" that I'd gotten for Christmas. It was real pretty—a shiny blue cover with silver printing and silvery-edged pages, and all fancy inside, too. But I wasn't really thinking about birthdays. All day I'd been trying to figure out how I could witness to someone about Jesus. We'd talked about it in Sunday school and Mrs. Cordell (she's our teacher) told us we all ought to be witnesses. But all my friends already knew about God and I wouldn't know what to say anyhow. Well, really, though, I guess mostly I was scared and awfully bashful about talking to someone else about God. Anyway, that's what I was really thinking—and I'd prayed about it, too, asking God to help me to be a witness—when my friend Carrie ran across the street.

"Hi, Becky!" she hollered.

"Hi," I answered.

"Whatcha doing?" she asked as she sat down beside me.

"Nothing much—just looking at my birthday book."

"Your what?" She didn't know what a Birthday Book was so I showed it to her and told her it was so I'd know when my friends

and relatives had birthdays—that is, if I'd written their names down.

Then she asked, "Is my name written down? My birthday's in August."

When she asked that, something sort of rang a bell in my mind but I couldn't exactly think what it was. While I was trying to think what sounded familiar, Carrie said something about it being a beautiful day and wasn't it too bad we couldn't go swimming. Then it dawned on me and I sang,

"Is my name written there,
On the page white and fair,
In the book of God's Kingdom,
Is my name written there?"

"That's what I was trying to think of," I said. Carrie looked at me sort of funny and wanted to know what brought that on. I explained, "When you asked if your name was written in my book it reminded me of that song. We sing it sometimes in church." Then I sang it again.

Carrie leaned her chin in her hands and asked, "But God doesn't really write in any book, does He?"

"Sure," I answered. "The Bible says that when we ask Him to forgive us He writes our names in the Book of Life. That's the only way we can get to Heaven."

Carrie didn't say anything for awhile; I was watching a fuzzy caterpillar inch his way across the sidewalk. Then she said, sort of sad-like, "I've never heard anything like that at my Sunday school." We talked more about having our names in God's book and I said I was glad that I knew my name was written down and if I'd die tonight I know I'd go to Heaven.

Carrie got scared when she thought about dying, so, to make a long story short, we finally ended up praying right there on the front steps. She told God she was sorry for all the things she'd done wrong and asked would He please forgive her and write her name in His book. Then I prayed and we hugged each other and you know, we both had tears in our eyes!

By that time the caterpillar was clear out of sight but for once I didn't try to find it. Pretty soon Carrie had to leave and she said she sure felt good being on the way to Heaven now.

That night I suddenly thought of something . . . I'd been a witness! Talking to Carrie and praying with her had been witnessing! And it was so easy; I didn't even feel scared. Now I can hardly wait to tell Mrs. Cordell how God answered my prayer.

You know, God will help you be a witness, too! ●



AMONG THE CHURCHES

GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

EMMETT, Allen Cole, pastor

We at Emmett Friends Outpost would like to express our appreciation for the help from the other churches in our building program. ¶ Work continues on the church and our first service in it was Easter Sunday, even though it wasn't finished yet. ¶ On February 28, Allen Cole and Marlin Witt drove to Ontario and got the church pews they are loaning to us. ¶ We are encouraged with the way things are going both in our building and spiritually too.

—Kathleen Rodgers, reporter

HOMEDALE, Quincy Fodge, pastor

There has been good attendance at our home Bible study. ¶ Gene Lewin of American SS Union presented a film "The David Paxton Story" on February 26. ¶ Our annual Missionary Conference was held March 12-19. Missionaries who were here included Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Tamplin; Don Boesil and family, Manila, Philippines; Velma Jones, teacher from Southwest Indian School, and Paul and Martha Puckett, from Peru and Bolivia.

NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

NEWBERG, Charles S. Ball, pastor

Open House was held at our church on Sunday afternoon, February 12, so that people of Newberg and the surrounding area could see our new and remodeled facilities. People from 15 Friends churches and from 19 churches of other denominations visited us. ¶ The World Day of Prayer was observed at the First Presbyterian Church on February 10. Friends who had parts on the programs were Marie Chapman, Robert Gilmore, and Randall Brown. ¶ Charles Ball was speaker at Newberg QM at West Chehalem on February 11. ¶ Twelve new members were welcomed on February 12. ¶ The Quaker Men Sweetheart Banquet was held in the Social Hall on February 13. Ralph Arensmeier was M. C. and Gerald Dillon was speaker. ¶ The Margaret Fell WMU and the Julia Pearson WMU met together in the Lounge on February 27, with Marybel Cammack speaking on her summer experiences in Mexico. ¶ The Missionary Conference for our church was held March 1 to 5. Robert Trosen, former missionary to Bolivia under the Holiness Methodist Church, was speaker on March 1. Florene Nordyke spoke to the Mother's Club and other women on March 2. The "Birthday Offering" potluck dinner was held on March 3. "Melodaires" women's trio from Clackamas Park sang. The Wycliffe Bible Translators film "Jungle Airlift" was shown. Ohio Yearly Meeting missionary work in Taiwan was shown at Quaker Men Breakfast

on March 4. Charles Ball brought a missionary message on March 5. Quentin Nordyke was the Sunday evening speaker. ¶ Mahlon Macy, area director of N. A. E. in Minneapolis, Minn., will be speaker for our spring revival April 9-16.

—Margaret Weesner, reporter

WEST CHEHALEM, M. Gene Hockett, pastor

The new east wing of our church was completed in time to be the host church for QM held February 10 and 11. ¶ On February 13 an all-church Valentine's banquet was held at the Timber Topper in Salem. ¶ Howard Harmon held special meetings March 8-12. The first two meetings were held in homes of our church families. ¶ Our FY have been meeting separate from the adults for prayer meetings on Wednesday nights during the month of March.

—Dixie Glanzman, reporter

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

ROSEMERE, Edwin Cammack, pastor

February 4, SW Washington QM youth held a banquet at First Friends, with 6 from Rosemere attending. ¶ A sweethearts banquet was held February at Chinese Village, Portland, where 20 youth and sponsors took part. A queen was chosen for the evening. ¶ An evening service with a Mrs. Miller, leader in the Vancouver Child Evangelism work, was held February 12. ¶ On Saturday February 18, a group of 29 young folks and sponsors took a trip by chartered bus to Mount Hood. ¶ February 20-26 were the dates for Clark County Holiness Mid-winter deeper life crusade, with Robert Geyer as evangelist and Roy Clark as song leader. Several from Rosemere attended. This was held at Manor E. U. B. Church. ¶ We are in the midst of revival services at this time with Roy Clark, music instructor of Cascade College. A good group of youth attend.

—Eunice Coats, reporter

ROSE VALLEY, George Bales, pastor

The Jr. High department went ice skating at the Lloyd Center the first of February. Many carloads of youngsters attended. ¶ Paul and Martha Puckett visited Rose Valley for all three services February 12. The Rose Valley and the Florene Nordyke WMU's met for a joint meeting this month. Martha Puckett, guest speaker, showed films and answered questions of concern to women. ¶ Future Farmers of America from Kelso High School attended church services February 19. ¶ Our annual adult Valentine dinner was held February 18 at a Longview restaurant. Thirty-two attended. Margaret Lemmons was in charge of the program that followed the dinner.

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CHERRY GROVE, William Murphy, pastor

Monday, February 13 Paul and Martha Puckett, on furlough from Peru, conducted an informal seminar, informative and challenging, concerning our church's work on the mission field in Peru, the special needs, and future plans of our missions department. ¶ For the evening service February 26 our church united with the QM rally at the First Friends church in Vancouver, to hear Jack Willcuts, guest speaker.

—Marjorie Rengo, reporter

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

MEDFORD, Oscar N. Brown, pastor

Home Bible study groups are in full swing in conjunction with the YM Advance program. These informal sessions were enjoyed so much by all attending that several groups plan to retain these meetings together. ¶ The new graded materials being used in primary and junior church have proved exciting and stimulating to the workers. ¶ We have all been enjoying the brief biographies Harold Antrim has been writing on our SS teachers each week for the Midweek Memo. ¶ We were privileged to have Paul and Martha Puckett and their four charming daughters with us. A coffee hour was held following their Sunday evening presentation in our church.

ROSEDALE, Frank Haskins, pastor

The floors in the church sanctuary have been re-finished and carpet has been put on the stairs to the balcony class rooms. ¶ Several attended the SS convention held in Salem February 17-18. ¶ Ron Stansell and Gary Macy spoke to the FY February 12. Ron also brought the message at the evening church service. ¶ Our SS is observing March to SS in March. The junior department is in a contest.

—Reba Russell, reporter

TALENT, Clark Smith, pastor

The Willis Keithley meetings were a blessing to us with a good attendance each evening. There were also morning meetings explaining the Tabernacle. Due to work schedules, this was attended mostly by women. Words cannot give these meetings due praise, and the excellent way they were presented was wonderful. ¶ The Puckett family was with us February 26 and had charge of the morning service and also a missionary meeting, the evening of the 25th, attended by ladies from the Medford and Ashland churches. ¶ Our pastor, Clark Smith, has handed in his resignation, effective September 1 of this year, due to lack of improvement in the health of Mrs. Smith and her doctor's advice to be removed from the concern and tension of the parsonage.

—George Hartley, reporter

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

EVERETT, Calvin Hull, pastor

We are in the midst of an interesting contest at Everett Friends. The Good Ship Righteousness is

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on a cruise to Peru with SS members bringing their passports. They have received seasick pills (M & M's), life preservers (Lifesavers) and are getting points for Bible verses learned, attendance and punctuality as well as bringing guests on the tour. ¶ Calvin and Lela Hull have accepted a two-year call to minister at Everett Friends. Lela has been accepted as a student at Everett Junior College in a nursing program. ¶ We are looking forward to a short series of meetings this spring featuring stewardship. ¶ Evert and Virena Tuning were the missionaries mentioned especially in Missionary Presentation for the month for March. Frank Burris brought a story also about the Navajo Indians.

—Margaret Shipman, reporter

FRIENDS MEMORIAL, Clynton Crisman, pastor

A QM Education Institute was held February 3 and 4 with F. M. C. as host church. George Fox College was featured, with five student musicians and four staff members participating. ¶ Paul and Martha Puckett, our missionaries on furlough from Bolivia and Peru, spoke February 9. ¶ Twenty one junior highers had an overnight snow party near Snoqualmie Pass on February 24, with seven adults chaperoning. ¶ There were eight people from our church who attended the board meetings in Newberg. ¶ We are happy to have three new families worshipping with us: Evan and Lois Jones and family have moved from Holly Park, Dave and Audrey Mirgon and family have moved from Everett, and Darold and Mary Lobb and family were received into membership from Fresno, California. ¶ Several from our church attended the GFC Orchestra Concert held at Holly Park February 24. Our women served the young people sack lunches on Saturday.

—Delores Martin, reporter

HOLLY PARK, Eugene McDonald, pastor

At the morning worship service February 21, a dedication service was held for Candy Choate, daughter of Larry and Delores Choate, and Dawn Davis, daughter of Robert and Juanita Davis who have recently moved into the Renton area. ¶ The Quaker Men sponsored their annual Valentine Dinner at South China Cafe, followed by games and fellowship at the pastor's home. ¶ Our church was host to the George Fox Band Chamber Orchestra February 24. The young people were entertained in the homes of members and friends which included dinner Friday night and breakfast on Saturday. ¶ On February 22, twenty-five Friends Youth had an outing of "Snow Fun" at Snoqualmie Pass. ¶ The Sunday evening contest between the adults and the FY ended with the FY as winners, they will be rewarded with a pizza party given to them by the adults. ¶ SS teachers meeting was held February 26 after the morning worship service preceded by a potluck for the entire family.

—Ruth Alder, reporter

NORTHEAST TACOMA, Fred Baker, pastor

February 5, during SS and morning worship service we were privileged to have Kenneth and Patsy Kumasawa of GFC with us during which time they gave us messages in sermon and in song. ¶ On Feb-

ruary 10, at First Friends Church, Paul and Martha Puckett spoke of their work on the field. ¶Sunday morning during SS time on February 26 we had guests from GFC who were participants the night before at First Friends Church in the GFC band and orchestra presentation. Among our guests were Dr. and Mrs. Milo Ross, Art Fillis, Gary Macy, Joe McCullough and Jerry Farmer. During this time these four boys mentioned gave their testimonies.

—Donna Knutson, reporter

McKINLEY AVENUE, Robert Fiscus, pastor

Paul and Martha Puckett were with us February 10, and gave an excellent presentation of Peru, and Bolivia. ¶Lydia Nottage received word from her husband in Vietnam that he had been wounded. Fragments of schrapnel penetrated James' body but he is doing fine. The Lord truly protected him, as two of his buddies were killed. ¶We are reading the Bible through and finding it very worthwhile. Wednesday night is a time of discussion, and prayer. ¶Twenty-four of our young people, and five adults enjoyed a day at Snoqualmie Pass on February 22. The young people put their new toboggan to use, and had a very good time. ¶The GFC band and orchestra concert was greatly enjoyed by a goodly number. ¶Our pastor serves as volunteer chaplain in the different hospitals in the city, in his turn with other pastors. ¶Several of our group attended the 11th annual Christian Workers Conference, held at Calvary Baptist Church March 2-4. Dr. Earl Radmacher was the speaker. ¶We had a good turn out for our church Valentine dinner. ¶Tom Johnson came home unexpectedly from Vietnam on an emergency leave for a few days, due to illness in his wife's family.

BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

MERIDIAN, Dorwin Smith, pastor

The young married peoples SS class had a progressive supper March 4. ¶Dorwin and Marita Smith resigned as pastors of the Meridian church at our last monthly meeting. The church accepted it with much regret. We surely appreciate all the work they have done here at Meridian and their leadership will surely be missed. We ask your prayers as we seek a new pastor. ¶Home Bible study groups, meeting on Wednesday evenings in the place of our mid-week service at church, have been meeting since Wednesday evening, March 8. ¶The young people attended the George Fox Institute at the Kings Table in Boise. Boise, Whitney and Meridian have a joint meeting Sunday evening March 12 to hear Paul and Martha Puckett.

—Ron Jerome, reporter

STAR, Dean Gregory, pastor

Sunday March 5, a ground-breaking for our new church building at Star was held. Jack Willcuts was here for the event. This is the official beginning of our building program and we hope to begin actual construction within a short time. ¶Revival services were held March 13-19 with John and Dorothy Sinton.

—Ethel Ralphs, reporter

WOODLAND, Marvin Hall, pastor

The home Bible study at Woodland has been so interesting, that at the end of the six weeks period, it was a majority vote to continue through the book of Mark. The attendance has been very good. ¶We were favored with a visit from Jack Willcuts on the evening of February 9. He held a very impressive service, after which we enjoyed a time of fellowship. ¶Pope and Pearl Adams have just returned from a two months visit with their children and relatives in California. One feature of their visit was the wedding of their daughter Jennie to Leland Sullivan of Orland, California.

—Lydia George, reporter

BOISE, Dale Field, pastor

The Ambassadors SS class had a table game party Monday evening February 6 in the home of Dean Dillon. Eighteen people reported having a fine time. ¶The General Education Board of the YM had an Educational Institute here in connection with our QM. Friday evening February 10 was a meeting for all parents and children. The parents regarded this a rewarding meeting from information received concerning the children's education. Saturday February 11 was Youth Day. The young people met at Whitney for a snow party. They returned at noon for a chili feed and had educational seminars in the afternoon. Then in the evening a youth banquet was held for all Jr. and Sr. High and college age young people. ¶The Boise Valley-Greenleaf QM FY had a Valentine skate party in Nampa on February 13. A king and queen were crowned. Stan Morris from Riverside and Nancy Tucker from Homedale were the honored couple. The annual Boise Valley Sweetheart Banquet was held in Meridian on Monday evening February 13 with about 180 people in attendance. Jack Willcuts was the speaker and special music was provided by the Boise Madrigal Club, a 28-voice women's group. ¶Our church had a service at the Penitentiary Sunday afternoon February 26.

—Margaret Peterson, reporter

PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

CLACKAMAS PARK, Howard E. Harmon, pastor

Bob Smith of Clackamas County Welfare and Ken VandenHoek of Youth Adventures shared messages in a recent evening service. ¶The Teen's SS class had a Valentine Sweetheart party on February 11. ¶Paul and Martha Puckett and family, missionaries to Bolivia and Peru, were with us on February 19. There was a pot luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service. Films of the work in Peru were shown in the evening service. ¶We were especially honored to have the band and orchestra from GFC for an evening service. Our hearts were thrilled with their program and the sanctuary was packed.

HILLSBORO, Russel Stands, pastor

Fifty-six persons, many of them guests of members, attended the Friendship Banquet held February 18. A very fine musical program was presented by

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Mr. and Mrs. Mel Lamm of Vancouver. ¶Home Bible study sessions will continue through the month of March. ¶We give a hearty welcome to Ernest and Pearl Pearson who have transferred their membership here from Pringle Friends Church. ¶Plans for a pictorial directory are underway with pictures to be taken Monday, March 27. ¶Several youth and adults enjoyed an outing to Timberline area on Saturday, February 25 which was sponsored by the Portland QM FY. ¶Ernest Pearson has directed some fine improvements in the loudspeaker system for our church.

—Lois Friend, reporter

MAPLEWOOD, Roy and Harold Clark, pastors

On February 5 our church directory was distributed. It was a new one, with all the church families, as well as the SS families. ¶Also on February 5, our church pamphlets were ready. They include a drawing of our future new church, pictures of our pastors and their families, our parish workers, our present building. There is also a map of the way to Maplewood Friends Church. ¶Our young people participated in the Portland QM FY skating party, held on February 7th. ¶On February 18, the young people put on a banquet for the adults of the church. Mauri Macy and Margaret Williams provided entertainment and a short devotional. A good meal and a good time was had by all. ¶On Sunday morning, February 19, we had an open meeting during the 11 o'clock hour, at which we discussed our future plans for building. Many important decisions were made. We are all eagerly looking forward to our new church.

SVENSEN, Dan Nolta, pastor

The church is completing a successful home Bible study with a dinner for participants, featuring Roy Clark. ¶A dinner at Piedmont friends was enjoyed by FY groups of both churches on Friday evening, prior to the Mt. Hood trip on February 25. ¶The Jr. High FY groups and leader are sponsoring a 2 1/2 year old Korean orphan girl, Jung Ei. ¶The Pucketts presented the challenge of missions on March 15. ¶Ken Kumasawa spoke and showed slides of GFC in the evening service on February 26.

—Barbara Morse, reporter

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

SPOKANE, Walter Lee, pastor

The sixteenth birthday of First Friends Church was celebrated on January 22 with cake, punch, and coffee being served after the morning worship service. This same day Paul Puckett, who with his family was starting their deputation work for Oregon Yearly Meeting, preached the morning service. ¶Eleven of our number were in attendance at the evening services February 5 in Hayden Lake, when it became a Monthly Meeting of Oregon YM. Jack Willcuts was guest speaker. ¶Walter Lee was guest speaker on the Evangelical Voice over KCFA the week of February 27-March 5. Our church was also in charge of the program on KHQ-TV on Sunday, February 26. This was a half hour program and a sextet of girls from Hayden Lake sang a special for it.

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THE FOLLOWING WAS INADVERTANTLY OMITTED FROM THE GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING SECTION OF THE CHURCH NEWS.

GREENLEAF, Kenneth Pitts, pastor

Louella Brown WMU entertained husbands with a "Sweetheart Treat" for Valentine's Day. Shown were slide pictures of Ehrlich's Mexico trip. ¶Paul and Martha Puckett spoke at Greenleaf at 3 p. m. March 5 to all missionary minded people of the QM. ¶Revival meetings were held with John and Dorothy Sinton, March 5-12. ¶Another series of teacher training for SS opened Monday evening February 27. A good attendance of the teachers and officers heard a challenging message on SS from Gordon Olson, Christian Education Director from the Nampa College Church of the Nazarene. ¶An increase in attendance in SS is noted. A new class has been formed of the fourth grade boys. ¶A number of our SS people were seen at the Treasure Valley SS Convention held in Nampa this year. Outstanding National SS leaders made a very worthwhile two days for those present. ¶Our adult choir and families met in Friendship Hall following evening service February 26 for fellowship, light refreshments and to make future choir plans. ¶Greenleaf Academy's basketball team was included in the District A IV play off tournament. They have had a successful season with only three losses.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

COWLES-SMITH—Gary Cowles and Marian Smith were united in marriage at the Meridian Friends Church by Reverend Dorwin Smith and Reverend Gary Yeager of First Christian Church in Star, Idaho on December 29, 1966.

JUNDT-POTTS—Robert Jundt and Karen Potts were united in marriage on February 4. Edwin Cammack officiated the ceremony at Orchards Methodist Church.

McAFEE-BUENETT—Terry McAfee and Karen Kay Buennett were united in marriage February 18 at Oakhurst Community Church, California.

SULLIVAN-ADAMS—Leland Sullivan and Jennie Adams were united in marriage February 18 at the Capay Rancho Friends Community Church near Orland, California.

BIRTHS

CAMMACK—To Paul and Barbara Cammack, a daughter, Jenifer Sue, born February 9.

SHEIRBON—To Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sheirbon, a son, Jeffery J. born October 22, 1966.

GEORGE—To Leetus and Mary (Church) George from Woodland, Idaho, a daughter, Debra Denise, born January 3, 1967.

MILLER—To Jack and Connie Miller, a son, Kelly Lee, born February 14, 1967.

HIBBS—To Carol and Joanie Hibbs, a son, Anthony Scott, born February 13, 1967.



"COMMITTED TO ADVANCE"

NEWS OF OYM FRIENDS YOUTH

Well, it's about time for Spring Clean-up by the looks of my desk. Things are happening fast now that sunny days are here again. There are junior high jamborees and parties and all kinds of outings going on, and in a couple of months it will be vacation time and summer camp time. And of course that also means more ADVANCE activities are happening. You can take advantage of the nice weather to encourage increased attendance at FY. Things aren't slowing down any.



FYer OF THE MONTH

The featured Quarterly Meeting President for the month of April is Marvin Walker from Southwest Washington Quarter. He is a senior at Camas High School this year and, believe it or not, he likes all his classes. He is active in the Key Club, the National Honor Society, the Library Club, International Relations Club, Future Teachers of America, Boys' Federation, and Chess Club (and in that he is vice-president—treasurer). Besides school work, he keeps busy working as a mailer for the Post-Record, a local newspaper. And he is active in activities of the church, including being the Camas Friends Youth Social Chairman, a member

of the ADVANCE committee, and a member of the Twin Rocks Youth Camp Committee. Marv says he recently has an answer to prayer in being accepted at George Fox College for next fall. He gives Jesus Christ first place in his life and tells it like this:

"Through Ron Crecelius' ministry at Mid-winter this last winter, God spoke to my heart. 'Christianity isn't a vacation, it is a vocation.' I gave my life completely (100%) to Christ. Matthew 6:33 says: 'But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.' I am so glad I have made this decision for Christ. Matthew 9:37b-38: 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.' One of the greatest thrills in a Christian's life is witnessing to others of his gracious Saviour and seeing others won to the Lord. We all should pray, as suggested in the above verse, that God might use us in the harvest of souls. If God leads me into the ministry, I'm willing. Christ has done so much in my life that I can't find words to express my love for Him. He wants to do the same for you."

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