

Highland Creek Meeting House, near Salem, Indiana, June 12, 1937. For its business session Blue River Quarterly meeting sat at about 2:30 and continued for more than two hours.

Reports from Clear Creek show a very active three months with discussion groups, a fine young people's group, and an accession of members.

Representatives appointed to this meeting are:

Martha Mills  
present

Ernest and Lula K. Mills, Martha R. Mills, Laura W. Smith, and Clarence Mills. Of these, Martha Mills alone is present. Clarence Mills sent an acceptable explanation.

Highland reports an active Firstday School and representatives as follows:  
Ortis Baynes, Ollie May, and Fred Baynes. All present.

Chicago reports that no individual representatives were appointed, and nothing has come to hand from Chicago on state of society.

Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Treasury  
Balance

The Treasurer's report was read, a balance of \$203<sup>28</sup> being shown. Ray Baynes, Martha Mills, and Elwood Brooks reported to the treasurer's books correct. And, on their nomination, Clement B. Flitcraft is renamed treasurer.

Clerks  
retained

Humphrey Baynes for the committee to nominate clerks offered the present incumbents. The nominations are approved.

To represent Blue River Quarterly Meeting at Yearly Meeting the following are appointed:

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Representatives

Clarence Mills, Harold Flitcraft, Elizabeth Smith, Leilia Baynes, Fred Baynes, Millicent Baynes, Allen Brown, Gnetha Wilson, Lula K. Mills, Grace Benjamin.

About the lost  
Benjaminville  
Records.

Fully the Clerk reported his correspondence and conversations regarding the safekeeping of Meeting records; and very particularly referred to were the newly found old records of Benjaminville Preparative Meeting and now in the Library of the University of Illinois. Permission is granted us to buy them for \$14<sup>00</sup>. The facilities for the safe keeping of our records, in the event we do not buy, but instead deposit other manuscript records with those, were inspected. He reported also that the Chicago Meeting favors placing all of our records, excepting those in current use, in the University of Illinois Library. And that Clear Creek, tho not so explicit as to place, favors continued hunting for lost records and better care. The Clerk reports too that the University of Indiana was visited to ascertain the amount and character of Quaker records there.

The clerk  
inspects  
facilities in  
U. of I.  
Library

To the Yearly Meeting, this body recommends:

Recommendation  
to the Yearly  
Meeting about a  
Record  
Depository

That all the minutes of Illinois Yearly Meeting and those of its constituent meetings, excepting those that active monthly meetings wish to retain, be

placed on loan with the University of Illinois Library, or other University where protection is assured.

That accessibility of all Quaker documents so loaned be granted to any person holding approval of a Yearly Meeting official, or of the university's director of library.

It is recommended further that the Yearly Meeting appoint a committee on records which shall (1) endeavor to assemble a complete record of all our meetings and (2) to investigate periodically the care given those records in their new depository.

Other records  
heard about.

The clerk reports knowledge of a second lot of lost Benjaminville records. Wayne C. Towley, of Bloomington, Ill, claims to have purchased it recently from a rare book dealer. Remembering the Quarterly Meeting has continued its Record's Committee (cf. p 76) the clerk has asked Arthur Benjamin to investigate this report and interview Mr. Townley.

The Fifth Query was read; after which, Elwood Brooks and Elwood Trueblood lead a discussion on How to resist Alcohol and Tobacco propaganda. Such claims as that W<sup>m</sup> Penn was a drinker, therefore we should be drinkers, must be met fairly by recitals of fact. Increased emotional stability is important

Concluded to meet at Benjaminville in ninth month

Albert T. Mills, clerk

Leafa Baynes, Asst Clerk

Foot Notes. The usual get-together Saturday evening was omitted, probably because only two outside Friends were in the neighborhood. Sunday School, tho late in beginning, showed qualities more essential perhaps than punctuality. Friends Lessons are not used. There were extras musical and in recitation. Friends settled for worship about 11:30, perhaps 50 present — an estimated dozen of these from "the other branch," a group at present maintaining no minister. There were two vocal messages. Several causes of blighting fear were named and ways of eliminating these hinted at. The recognition of the dignity of all laborers is thot important. The spirit of this has been caught by the great modern painter Meunier, as in "The Miners"

After a good lunch, the setting of which was not greatly interfered with by sprinkles of rain, we waited rather long for a delayed speaker who delivered an address with more animation than with care analytical. It was declared that the world is in a pretty bad way — an observation not startling — but it seemed to be assumed by the speaker that listeners know how to apply the teachings of the Church to work a cure — an assumption contrary to fact probably. Pessimistically he condemned three countries recently visited by him — Germany, Italy, and Russia. While condemning them, he held U.S. up as an example; but this finished, he turned to lash ourselves of the United States. Some think him careless in use of facts, particularly so in Russian references on education and family relations. The

address, from the point of view of this commentator, lacked the perspective which is essential in forming sound judgment. A.T.M.