

Blue River Quarterly Meeting in business session at Benjaminville, Illinois, 9–11–1938

In the absence of the assistant clerk, Bessie Benjamin was appointed.

Clear Creek Monthly Meeting reports the naming of the following persons as representatives to this meeting:

Wilbur and Enida Sutherland, Ray Bumgarner, Charles and Rosalind Whitney, Monafoy Smith, Winty Strayer, and Mattie Mills.

The last three are present.

A statement of the activities of the Chicago Meeting was reread, since but a few present had heard it at Salem.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Reports were heard from representatives to Yearly Meeting

The Benjaminville meeting house is kept clean by the local Union Sunday School.

In re Meetings
In Our House

The Rev. Mr. Davis who preaches in the house Sunday evenings expressed thanks for the use of the property. And he announced a revival week for the autumn. Bible instruction is given Thursday evening. Mr Davis belongs to the Baptist Church.

The Second Query concerning prayer and devotion was read, as well as Discipline comment thereon.

Records
Committee

Grace Benjamin was added to the committee on records. For other members see p. 75 and appointment under date 9–9–1934.

Conclude at 12:30

Albert T. Mills, Clerk

Memoranda on the Benjaminville meeting.

Some Friends arrived in time to attend the Union Sunday school of six classes.

The Superintendent of the school is not a Friend but she accepted service as assistant clerk for the day. Luella Parker is in California. A Baptist minister attended the adult Bible class, also our meetings. A Methodist spoke at the afternoon session, his subject being “what Men Live By.” He named play, work, love, & religion. The name of the speaker is Isaac S. Corn and he is professor of religion at Wesleyan. He spoke of the preëminence of Friends in Social Service and recalled his own observation of the acceptable service of Friends in Berlin after the Great War. There was a lively question period following his conclusion. It is of interest to note that Catholics too were represented in our group at dinner. Perhaps there may be virtue in interassociation of groups in meeting houses. Benjaminville is not far from El Paso’s fields of Pfister hybrid corn.

Interpolinization might strengthen religion too, as it has Corn. In the meeting for worship there were three testimonies. One Friend read from Hettie Mills’ book.

Hettie used to live in the M^cNabb Quaker neighborhood, but now lives in Long Beach. One Friend dwelt upon the point that the godly man is the sensitive man who can adapt himself to change, and not the strong. Darwin omitted much truth when or if he taught strength and power inherit the earth.

The day was warm, a bit showery, generally pleasant. The hospitality was normal. John and Greta Hill with friends were over from Peoria. Fannie Griffith, Laura Smith, and Lucretia Franklin — three sisters were down from M^cNabb. Ruth Parker sang a solo to open the afternoon meeting. Winty Strayer was at the piano.