

Peoria Ill 10-15-1944

With the conviction that courage in upholding Friendly principles in the new world that is emerging, Blue River Quarterly Meeting broke silence for business shortly after 11 a.m 10<sup>th</sup> Mo. 15<sup>th</sup> in the home of Herbert and Susannah Crowe, 404 Parkside Drive, Peoria, Ill. With Peoria Monthly Meeting Friends there were assembled Friends from M<sup>c</sup>Nabb, Holder, and Chicago.

Representing 57<sup>th</sup> Street and present were Ethel Jones and Jane Krowel. Named but absent were Elizabeth Smith, Blanche Krowel , and George Watson.

Representing Clear Creek and present were Andrew W. Wolf, Kathryn and Turner Mills, Enida Sutherland, Lucretia Franklin, and Robert and Audre Whitney.

Representing Oak Park Monthly Meeting and present were Margaret Wolf and Albert and Martha Mills, all coöpted.

Present from Benjaminville was Grace Benjamin, and from the A.F.S. office of Chicago, Edwin Morganroth.

With the hope that this initial meeting may acquire historical implications, all present inscribed their names in this Minute book.

Madison Monthly Meeting reports a membership of 27, 14 resident. Of the absentees, one is in a CPS camp, another in detached service, one in the American Field Service in Italy, and another in France with the American Government of Occupied Territory. The meeting provides the channel thru which are sent to the AFSC mended clothing, knitted garments and funds. Sunday worship occurs at the Students Headquarters of the Congregational Church, and often the group is enlarged by students from the University — and men from Truax Field.

Clear Creek reported the addition of two members. And Oak Park reported a new meeting place, namely, the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Club House, 178 Forest Avenue

Edwin Morganroth set forth the needs for humanitarian service at home and abroad, emphasizing the need for workers. Attention was called to the AFS meeting at Earlham Nov. 1–5. And graphically W<sup>m</sup> MacKensen described his labors within the neighborhoods of New York Yearly Meeting, leaving the impression that the field secretary is both agile and effective

Susannah Crowe directed our attention to activities of the Church Council which include Meetings with Social Agency groups, the subject being: “How do you reach the unreached people?” To the Decatur, Ill. Meeting Sara Mills was named to represent us in the promotion of this discussion, and subsequent activity.

The custodian of monies known as the Alvin Fawcett Fund and the Hoopston Fund reported an accumulated interest of \$78.45 on principals the sum of which is \$685.24. The meeting directed the use of the interest to promote monthly meeting sewing groups as done last year. Particularly it was advised that the new Madison Meeting should share in the divisions, this, since it did not share last year, from the fact that it was then not an organic part of Blue River Qtly Mtg

A wish was voiced that the clerk in person visit Madison to express the interest the Quarterly Meeting entertains in the welfare of the meeting and to encouragement the recent affiliation has given the older groups of the Quarterly Meeting. The double affiliation may serve as a bond to improve our already close fellowship with Chicago Quarterly Meeting.

Alice Flitcraft and Elizabeth Smith were appointed to cooperate with members of the Chicago Quarterly Meeting in planning for the joint meeting of the two groups in Febr. Next

Albert T Mills Clk Kathryn G Mills Asst.

Susannah Crowe  
Herbert W. Crowe  
Sara W. Mills – Decatur  
Kathryn Mills  
J Turner Mills  
Edwin O. Morganroth  
Wilbor Sutherland  
Charles A. Whitney  
Pvt. Hales H. Joffé, Lafayette, Ind.  
Bob Whitney  
Enida Sutherland  
Edith M. Mills  
Opal M. Benjamin  
Lewis Benjamin  
Lelia Smith  
Frank E. Smith  
Grace E. Benjamin  
Laura W. Smith  
Audre Whitney  
Lucretia S. Franklin  
Edna W. Wolf – Clear Creek Mtg.  
Martha R. Mills  
Albert T. Mills  
A.J. Wolf  
Ethel Jones Rose  
Jane Von Korff  
Jane Kraull  
Margaret Wolf  
Wm Mackensen  
Dick Von Korff  
Robert Winston  
Dorothy Winston  
Patrick Winston  
Florence S. Tydden

## Memo Peoria Meeting

“Christianity and the New World Mind” was the subject for the allotted hour of discussion. Jane Von Korff was the well informed leader. Subject matter was presented in four phases. And a discussion followed the completion of each phase, such as race, economic relations, and international organization. The leader was bright in her exposition and the responses were crisp and pointed in challenge or approval.

At two o'clock the discussion hour ended and food was picked up as supplied by the hospitable hostesses and hosts of the local meeting. Conversations while eating united the group even more closely and the sessions ended in great harmony and tender fellowship. The weather was perfect, skies clear and the atmosphere not languid, vital but not cold. Dispersion soon took place, some to Chicago by train and four cars — auto loads — to Quaker Lane, near M<sup>c</sup>Nabb.

Albert and Martha Mills had spent the previous night in their old home town of Decatur to pick up some belongings needed in Chicago where they now reside. Sara Mills accompanied them to Peoria, and Ethel Jones Rose took her place in the Mills “Nash” on the return journey to Chicago.

It was not felt that the meeting establishes a precedent and it is hardly likely that Peoria will continue to be annual meeting place for the Quarterly Meeting. Benjaminville friends — the remnant of a large meeting — haven't made known their intentions regarding the laying down of the meeting there or their wish relative to a quarterly meeting session for 1945.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Yearly Meeting it was agreed that Jeannine Stetson should be asked to serve as Clerk of the Y.M. should Geo Watson be confined in C.P.S.