

Highland Creek Meeting House 5-26-1945
Blue River Quarterly Meeting settled at 2:30 p.m for reflection and worship.

Readings from the Discipline on Ministry and Counsel opened the meeting for business. Leafa Baynes was named assistant clerk.

Communications from Monthly Meetings showed the appointment of Margaret Haines, Wm MacKensen, and Elizabeth Smith as representatives from the 57 Street Meeting; Martha Chilton, Martha R. Mills, and Albert T. Mills from the Oak Park Monthly Meeting; and from Highland Creek Helen Brooks, Ortis Baynes, and Fred Baynes. All above named were present. Those named by Clear Creek were Lulu Mills, Lucretia Franklin, and Lelia Smith. Instead of themselves, unable to come because of unfavorable travel conditions, a letter of greeting from the three was received. It too stated acceptable reasons for the absence of Clear Creek's named representatives.

Minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report showing receipts and expenditures for the year was read. It showed a balance of \$222.30. To audit this report and to nominate a treasurer, Elwood Brooks and Martha Mills were named. After a brief conference, the auditors reported the treasurer's books to be correct and nominated Clement Flitcraft for another year, his 25th.

The clerk reported on the Benjaminville situation referring to correspondence with Friends there which indicate a continued desire for the holding of the September quarter as formerly when the community was in greater strength.

Explanatory statements were made regarding funds held for relief and social service and a suggested way was proposed as to how Salem friends may share in the distribution of interest money.

The committee to nominate Clerks presented a report under five heads: 1. Continuance of Albert Mills and Clerk 2. Discontinuance of four assistance clerkships 3. Appointment of Robt MacGonagle as assistant clerk 4. Service of the clerk on the occasion of the joint meeting of Ministry and Council in February. 5. Expression of a concern that monthly meetings present written reports on the "state of society" at each Quarterly Meeting, that specific periods be set aside to receive, condiser, and to minute them.

After a free and general discussion, the several elements of the report were approved. However to preserve the personal touch with each monthly meeting locality, the meeting took action to the effect that all monthly meeting clerks be recognized as corresponding clerks of the Quarterly Meeting, with the duty of planning beforehand and not to perform service at the clerk's table.

Salem Friends who have expressed an interest in the Five Years Meeting were admonished to mark the date of the next meeting with intention to attend so that the future course of Illinois Yearly meeting may be wisely directed.

To represent the Quarterly meeting at Illinois Yearly Meeting the following persons were named: Albert T. Mills, W^m MacKensen, Clara Baynes, Margaret Haines, Caroline Wills, Laura Smith, Robt Whitney, George Coale, Robt. Judd, Marguerite Judd, Lelia Bascom, Lorene Jewel, Herbert Crowe, Suzanne Crowe, and Fred Baynes.

It was recommended that the memorial prepared to Margery Allee for the Chicago Quarterly Meeting be brought to Illinois Yearly Meeting for a hearing.

State of Society reports were read from Clear Creek, Oak Park, and 57th Str. Others were not received.

After a session which had shown unusual life, the business was concluded about five o'clock.

Albert T. Mills Clerk
Leafa Baynes Assistant Clk. for the day.

Diversion from things religious filled the hours of the late afternoon and evening. Some saddle horses were exhibited and there was a little riding. The evening meal was a community affair of the pot luck type. Entertainment consisted for projected pictures, autumn foliage predominating the rolls of film.

Sunday there were two meetings besides Sunday school. The last-named was made up of two adult classes. Ray Baynes is teacher of men but another-branch Friend ran away with the discussion and too off the track of the lesson. Vocal offerings for the meeting for worship came from four people. Silence seemed lifeless to a Friend of the other group, so he filled in with two messages of some length. The picnic dinner was bountiful: everything — chicken, lemon pie, persimmon pudding