

In Friends Meeting House, near McNabb, Illinois, Blue River Quarterly Meeting met 11-8-'47 at 2 P.M.

The silence of the worship period was broken by two messages. Audry Whitney was named to assist the clerk.

Representatives appointed and present from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting,— present Lawrence Ash, Edna Wolf, and Charles Whitney; absent, Andw. Wolf. From 57th Street,— present, Elizabeth Smith; absent, Elizabeth and George Watson and three little Watsons A sudden illness of Elizabeth prevented their coming. From Oak Park,— Robert M^cGonigle, absent, and present: Martha Chilton and Clement Flitcraft. In attendance were Herbert and Susannah Crowe of Peoria.

With credentials from Evanston Meeting of Friends declaring a spirit of Christian Unity and brotherly affection, the following-named Friends were most acceptable with us: D^f B.F. Andrews, Nora O. Reynolds, Welden Reynolds, Charles S. Beal, and Margaret N. Taylor. The warm welcome extended to them included full freedom of expression as way opened. Helpful was their comment regarding their activities and ministry.

A Peoria report told of the presentation of a 40-minute sound picture, entitled “Northern Lapland Lives Again; also of a two-reel documentary film showing relief work in Japan, China, and Europe.

Oak Park Friends have kept alert to the activities of the Society both at home and abroad; reports have been heard, queries studied, freedom preserved in worship, and at least one new member added by conviction.

Salem plans a discussion group for the winter months, to meet in homes, the meeting house meanwhile to remain closed.

The state of society recalled the thot that a slender wire may carry a strong current.

The minutes made at Salem were approved. Yearly Meeting representatives made comment including the proposal to circulate the Quarterly and the Yearly Meetings. As the old apple tree puts forth a ring of new wood and clusters of blossoms each year, so may old meetings. Fresh strength, spiritual power, and a large attendance marked the annual gathering, — the Illinois Yearly Meeting.

For the trustees of the Hoopston and the Alvin Fawcet funds Albert Mills reported that available interest is \$30.82 according to the record in the Mutual Home and Saving Association, Decatur, Illinois. The sum of the principal is \$685.24 The trustees were directed to offer the interest accumulation to Monthly Meeting sewing circles; any balance to go to the American Friends

Service Committee. Clear Creek women, who received \$10⁰⁰ last year from this fund, made 117 new garments.

Clothing needs in Europe were forcefully set forth and service needs of the Chicago office portrayed.

With a glow of pride, surfacing a ground work of humility, we listened to Executive Secretary Geo. Brent's comments on the Award made in recognition of efforts by Friends in behalf of peace and helpfulness. Work camps, peace institutes, and conferences are enterprises bulging with promise and worthy of support.

It was pointed out that more money is spent by the United States for armament than for relief. It is futile to bury the hatchet if we do not bury the hatred.

The emphasis as it changes from feeding to rehabilitation includes the use of older people who can give counsel to people who are losing hope and who need a spiritual awakening as much as food.

We were reminded of the A.F.C meeting soon to be held at Wilmington, Ohio., and Lucretia Franklin made a statement regarding an early merger of Friends Intelligencer and The Friend.

Richard Eastman reported his activities at Ithaca, Camden, Oak Park, Chicago, Manchester, Quaker Hill, and communities of Indiana Yearly Meeting. He finds some conservatives who resist any new orientation. Some others are stirred by a holy impatience for Christian Unity.

As recommended by Ray Wilson, Oak Park members saw their representatives during a congressional recess regarding Friends position on disarmament and compulsory drill for our youth.

To represent us in any meeting with the Chicago Quarter looking toward a joint meeting in February, we appoint Alice Flitcraft.

Convinced that unity will ready us for a bolder thrust into the future, we conclude to meet second month next in Woolman Hall, Chicago.

Albert T. Mills, Clerk
Audry Whitney, Asst. Pro Tem.