

Highland Creek Meeting House 5-31-'47, Blue River Quarterly Meeting convened at 2:30 p.m.

During the half hour of worship preliminary to business, there were three messages.

Representatives present and absent from 57th St. Meeting was Alice Flitcraft present and Harold Flitcraft absent because of hospitalization when enroute to meeting in Munsie, Indiana.

From Clear Creek, Laura Smith, Lucretia Franklin, and Edna Wolf.

From Oak Park, Luella and Clement Flitcraft.

Minutes were read and approved

From all Monthly Meeting excepting Peoria came State of Society reports. These were listened to and the Oak Park statement commented upon.

The following questions were referred to Oak Park for answer, privileging being given to get assistance by coopting members of other meetings.

1. How is it that Indiana is strong and Illinois weak numerically in Quakerism?
2. Nebraska with fewer people than Illinois have more Friends and a Quaker College. Why? In the college, there are 90 students and a faculty of eight.
3. Guatemala with a sparse population and vast illiteracy has 10 times as many Quakers as Illinois.
4. Are we allowing some of our energies to be dissipated?

Harold
Flitcraft
named
Treasurer

Clement Flitcraft's treasurer's report was accompanied with a reference to 25 years of service and his unwillingness to serve longer. Appreciation was expressed for his painstaking care and regret that the time has come for the meeting to yield to his wish to retire. Humphrey Baynes and Edna Wolf were appointed to audit the books and to nominate a treasurer. Report came back that the treasurer's books are correct and that Harold Flitcraft is named to succeed his father. Approval was expressed, also the belief that he too will make an excellent treasurer.

The clerk reported that the duties of letter writing to officials in Washington and to Monthly Meetings have been discharged. Martha Mills read parts of the Central Committee's clothing report.

Richard Eastman reported on visits to meetings in Illinois and Indiana, commenting on small community living, and the importance of visitations. He met with an unorganized Decatur group, with an unaffiliated Urbana group, and with the Plainfield Conservative group.

His wife and little son were in attendance at Salem, she being a member of the Selma, O. meeting.

Thru Alice Flitcraft and Leafa Baynes sympathy and best wishes for speedy recovery for their respective husbands were sent. Both are detained by appendix operations.

Retention of the present clerks followed the report of the nominating committee.

Representatives
to Y.M.

Yearly Meeting representatives are Audrey Whitney, Alice Flitcraft, Fred and Leafa Baynes, Paul Heironymous, Luella and Clement Flitcraft, Edgar Anderson, Lorene Jewel, John David Wilson & Florence Tjad

Discussed briefly was the provision by the state for school buses to convey Catholic children.

There was a plea for more committee work on the part of older meetings.

Paragraphs on Ideals of Worship were read from Faith and Practice of the Five Years Meeting.

The meeting concluded in harmony, but without having taken any aggressive action.

Albert T. Mills, Clerk

Robt MacGonagle, Asst.

A larger number of Friends from other neighborhood attended. Some were housed in Salem Tourist homes. Only a limited few homes can entertain guests. Elwood and Helen Brooks entertained guests from 57th St., Oak Park, Clear Creek, and Decatur for breakfast Sunday. The pot luck supper was laid in their home Saturday evening. After eating social commingling continued until about 10. A bit of fun was mixed in under the lead of Clara Baynes.

The Sunday School was swelled to a respectable size by visitors. Two little girls sang Rescue the Perishing. Ray Baynes taught the men using an International leaf and a rather webby subject —crushing kings and a prophesy that came to pass after 100 years. No special speaker for the afternoon meeting appeared — had been detained. During the morning meeting, Luella, Albert and Dick's voices were heard. Lucretia and Albert's during the very brief afternoon worship period. Guests called on Fred Baynes who is getting well satisfactorily. Meetings not wet by rain. Homeward the Oak Park and Clear Creek cars probably traveled in a late afternoon Sunday rain.