

In Y.M.C.A. building, Madison, Wisconsin Blue River Quarterly Meeting met at 2 P.M. August 28, 1948, being the initial meeting of this body in this State and this city.

A half hour of worship was broken by an appeal that the experiences of all may be drawn upon for the mutual uplift of the group.

Representatives appointed to this meeting are Shirley Glover, Irma Bumgarner, John D. Wilson, Dorothy and Arnold Ashdown, and Lucretia Franklin. The last-named was present, and also Kathryn Mills — all from the Clear Creek Monthly Meeting.

Present from 57<sup>th</sup> Street Meeting, Chicago, were Jeannette Cox and Harold and Alice Flitcraft. From Oak Park Martha Chilton was present.

Among those present from the host meeting of Madison were Grace and Merritt Hughes, Martha Best, Ethel Troy, Eugene and Dorothy Ackerman, John Brush, Agnes Hole, Myrtle Peterson, Lelia Bascom, Dorothy Johnson, Peter Kaufman, Edith Kaufman

Visitors welcomed were Harold Shoemaker, father of Francis Shoemaker, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Also present were Norman and Kathleen Gessner.

Minutes of the Spring Quarter were read and approved.

In reviewing the State of Society, 57<sup>th</sup> Street's report expressed a hope to find ways to nurture the growing spirit of children that they will develop a sense of belonging to the meeting; told of making children's quilts and dresses and sending Care packages to adopted German families, the contribution of money to send a member to Washington on a peace mission, modifying a marriage ceremony to bring it into accord with and not violate convictions of a nonmember; the need for intervisitation; and the restraint of disconcerting speaking in our meetings for worship.

The Madison meeting has concerned itself with social service agencies, the help of CO's, the collection of shoes and clothing, notably from University dormitories, civil rights of Negroes, and national legislation.

Oak Park has aided two members to travel in Europe for the Young Friends Fellowship. Two other members will be in Europe during the coming year.

Clear Creek reported a successful vacation school, a live Sunday School, and a successful and appreciated service as hosts to the Yearly Meeting.

The Philistines closed wells that Abraham had dug. Isaac reopened them. Such spiritually, we should be doing thus to express loyalty and responsibility.

Our representatives to Yearly Meeting reported an able review of the A.F.S.C. by Homer Morris, of help needed by Navaho Indians by his wife, significant messages by Friends from Germany — Carl and Eva Hermann, a panel discussion by eight or ten nationals from the Woodstock foreign service seminar, directed by the Yearly Meeting Clerk, George Watson. The Richmond

Declaration was a topic of discussion and also a building project the better to accommodate Yearly Meeting by the McNabb neighborhood.

Impressions of the Cape May conference were given by Myrtle Peterson and Martha Chilton. They agreed that the undertone of the waves added much to the atmosphere of the meeting. Messages were recalled and the book — “More than we are” brought back.

Mention was made of the meeting of the World’s Council of Churches in sessions in Amsterdam and expressed was the hope that Bliss Forbush may be an effective factor in it.

Abroad also is Phyllis Cox representing the National Christian Council. She spent about a month in a Bremen work camp. And Joyce Flitcraft, representing the National Union of Students, has lived and worked on a farm in England where she has associated with young people of several nations. Friends Center in London her letters express praise for.

Lelia Bascom reviewed national legislation and urged Friends to work toward a repeal of the draft law.

When outlining the program for the General Meeting set for Oct. 28, 48 at Evanston, Harold Flitcraft solicited contributions to meet the \$200 expense.

Altho having asked to be excused from accepting the assistant Clerkship, Agnes Hole generously consented to reconsider and to accept the appointment

A panel discussion on conscription was introduced when Eugene Ackerman presented Peter Kaufman, an ex G.I; Norman Gessner, a CO; and John Brush, an ex-C.P.S.

Peter thinks pacifists cannot expect to influence government in time of war. Norman, who was in prison during the last war, says he will refuse to register now altho he would be eligible to exemption from service because he has a wife and child. But such relief would not give him the opportunity he wants to challenge the government’s right in the premissis.

John deploras passage of a draft law since it indicates a loss of faith in the United Nations and it will not afford us security. Too he objects to the limited qualification of CO’s as to the matter of religious affiliation. CO’s should take upon themselves the responsibility to work for peaceful solutions to international problems.

Gandhi’s method came into the general discussion.

In the spirit of fellowship we concluded about 5 o’clock to meet with St. Louis Friends in 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. next.

Albert T. Mills Clerk  
Agnes Hole Asst Clerk

## Memo

Guests — less than a dozen, were housed in a University Cooperative at Johnson and Mills Streets at 50¢ per person. Following a Saturday evening meal in a beautiful park, Professor Shumaker read selections from a book of Rufus Jones, pausing frequently for reflection and comment. Guests breakfasted with Friends by invitation. 25 were at the First day meeting when worship was refreshing. Seven voices were heard.