

In Oak Park, Illinois May 20, 1950, Blue River Quarterly Meeting held its Spring session in the Church of the Good Shepard, located at 301 South East Avenue.

Beulah Nelson was appointed to assist the clerk.

Representatives present from Madison were Ivan Bean, Conrad Hillburg, and Robert Daniel. From 57th Street, Howard and Eurah Marshall, Evelyn Veolin, Elizabeth Smith, and not present were Howard and Edith Steel and Lewis and Mary Ruth Jones, the last two because of illness. From Clear Creek, Joe and Gneha Hawkes and Audrey Whitney, and not present Robert Whitney and John and Dorothy Wilson.

Visitors included Richard Eastman, Glenn Bartoo, and Lewis Taylor, also Ralph Oesting.

Regarding the state of society, interesting reports were listened to from 57th Street, Clear Creek, Madison, St. Louis, and Oak Park. The only question asked came orally from Peoria. It was: "How can we reach college students in Bradley?"

At the request of Illinois Yearly Meeting a running digest was given to epistles, not now published in the Minutes. Pacific Yearly Meeting is looking to psychology and science to deepen insights. Wilmington is sodding waterways and plowing to conserve soils. Indiana's increase of membership is 162. Western is caring for D.P. families. North Carolina has an age of 252 years and fears senility. She has 72 monthly meetings. Mid-India feels a decrease in personal and financial helps and relies more largely on faith for the support of hospitals and schools. Nebraska has purchased 440 acres near Pike's Peak for a young Friends' camp. Denmark's deep discordancy is giving burth to desires for fellowship. New York subscribed \$1,500 in 24 hours to carry a CO case to the Supreme Court. Philadelphia is thankful for the examples of those who have suffered for their convictions and for those who have given relief. Ohio watches and prays and listens to God's tender voice.

Albert Mills was reappointed clerk. At which he remarked: "I feel like the Red Queen in Alice in Wonderland in that I am always running and stay in the same place."

Robert MacGonagle presented the treasurer's report, which audited, found correct, was ordered on file. The committee on audit consisted of Harold Flitcraft, Martha Mills, and Ivan Bean. The recommended the retention of the treasurer. The name met with warm approval. Quotas are being paid, but to meet the request of the Yearly Meeting fo the building up a fund to assist travelers to the Conference in Oxford in 1952, a committee was appointed to consider quota revisions. For this service treasurers of monthly meetings were named to act with Robert MacGonagle. These include Myrtle Peterson, Wilfred Jones, Ruth Ash, Beulah Nelson.

A reply letter of Sen. Paul Douglas on peace and armament was criticised by pacificist Friends. And a suggestion was made that the matters be argued out with him. But his case was commended to his monthly meeting whose elders may at their discretion call into question the Senator's stand in the light of Friends' principles. Admittedly these allow a good deal of freedom.

Milwaukee Monthly Meeting applied for organic affiliation with Blue River Quarterly Meeting by letter under date of April 3, 1950, which letter becomes a part of these Minutes. Approval was most cordial and a welcoming committee consists of Harold W. Flitcraft, Fannie Griffith, Carolyn Wills, Ivan Bean, Elizabeth M. Simpson, Edward Wood, and Charles Harker.

With the admission of Milwaukee Blue River Quarterly Meeting has seven active meetings, the same number that received admonition in the book of Revelations: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyalira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicia. There was favorable comment but always imperfections noted. A stinging lash was laid on Laodicia. Philadelphia fared best. In the angel's book of record, how shall our seven rank?

The activities of the Mid-West office were reported by George Bent. He told of study groups on U.S.-Russia relations, the training of leaders for study groups, and a seminar on labor-manager relations. For the coming summer, he mentioned projects for Woodstock and Carroll College; a concern for information about the mentally ill: and all are advised to discover the direction the world is headed so that we may be prepared for what comes. Earl Edwards has gone to Philadelphia to urge a budget of \$57,000 for the Mid-West.

A communication from Esther Holmes Jones asks for help for the United Nations International Children Emergency fund.

Richard Eastman urged two things— 1. A record of the work done by the several field secretaries, beginning with Edith Winder, should be compiled. 2. Closer relations should be maintained between neighborhoods and the field secretary so that among other things, he may have instant information of criticisms.

For the General Meeting committee, Lewis Taylor reported that October 7 is the tentative date and that Stephen Angell has been made treasurer, to whom supporting contributions should be made.

Harold Flitcraft expressed a concern that quarterly meetings should not by habit become geographically stationary and that hosts should be protected against the carrying of burdens too heavy.

A second loss of the year to the Oak Park meeting is Jeannette F. Stetson, a valued and cheerful worker always, original in initiating ways to help displaced persons to self adjustment, and vital in the promotion of racial equality. Her influence was more than local. The civil government of Michigan made use of her talent and her efficiency was so widely known among leaders of the General Conference that there were always important committee assignments for her.

To represent us at Yearly Meeting, the following-named persons are appointed: Myrtle Peterson, Luella Flitcraft, Beulah Nelson, Lucretia Franklin, Albert T. Mills, Martha R. Mills, Harold Flitcraft, Alice Flitcraft, Edward Wood, Eleanor Harker, and Ralph Oesting.

After meetings included one-half hour devoted to an analysis of the U.S.-Soviet report. And a

forceful after-supper address by Dr. Eby of the church of the Brethren on Conciliation. It was logically incisive, subtle, and delivered with a rapid-fire and persuasive eloquence.

By invitation of the Madison Monthly Meeting, we shall meet with them Eighth Month 26, having concluded an inspiring afternoon of social commingling and serious deliberation abetted by delightful weather and a beautiful church auditorium.

Albert T. Mills, Clerk
Beulah Nelson, Assistant.