

2-7-1942 Blue River Quarterly Meeting met in Chicago — 57 Street, and jointly with Chicago Quarterly Meeting. After an hour of worship, business was transacted beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Present were representatives from the 57 Street Monthly Meeting: Clarence and Elizabeth Cunningham, Thos. Eliot, Rufus and Gladys Rorem

Present from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting were Charles and Rosalind Whitney, Lucretia Franklin, and Perry Hall. Una Hall was not present

From Salem, Indiana no report was at hand.

The committee on reapportionment of budget not being ready to report was continued.

Favorable reports from Clear Creek were made Two members have been instrumental in starting a Friends Meeting in Peoria. Perry Hall told of a monthly worship period and a discussion hour. Chas. Whitney told of the Mennonite CPS camp in Henry, Illinois, and also of a discussion group of Friend's Sunday School which is concerned with our relations to world problems. Chas. Beal gave information on the selective service act as it affects conscientious objectors. To date funds are available to take care of the C.O. expenses.

To report names of clerks Jeannette Stetson, Rosalind Whitney, and Fred Baynes are appointed

Both sessions concluded with the reading of three Queries by Clerk Taylor

Albert T. Mills Clerk
Alice Flitcraft Asst.

Memo. There was prolonged discussion in the Chicago Quarterly Meeting, of which Blue River was a part, upon the opportunity Friends enjoy of shaping the course of the future, providing we are not satisfied with the Red Cross type of service only. Friends should not withdraw from activity which is political. At the evening session a panel discussion was presented when many constructive suggestions were offered for the procuring of a lasting peace. One of the four who opened the discussion from the platform urged Coöperation as a substitute for Competition as the best if not the only solution. The difficulty of getting other than selfish or block action was noted as a hindrance to unity. The present farm block which is asserting pressure in Congress to raise farm crop prices was pointed to as an example of self interest, and also as a possible promoter of inflation. D^r Garfield Cox presided at the panel, and in all probably 25 people spoke. Perry Hall of Peoria and a member of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting was one of the leaders. Members of Blue River Quarterly Meeting discussed informally the desirability of the employment of the Wm MacKinson as field secretary for Illinois and Indiana Yearly Meetings. It is proposed that the General Conference pay 1800, Illinois 600 and Indiana 600. Car difficulties and tire rationing prevent a program of active travel for a secretary, so probably a plan may be worked out for a seasonal stay in several neighborhoods, each conveying the secretary to the next assignment

Dinner was served visiting guests Saturday evening. The weather was cool, but city traveling was safe. Heavy rains of the week, made it wiser for the M^cNabb group to travel by train, instead of by auto as usually