

BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING--MAY 7, 1955

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends was held on May 7, 1955 at the Peoria Y.W.C.A. with Edward G. Wood presiding as Clerk. The meeting started at 1:30 P.M. with silent worship, and following the worship period, the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were read by Dorothy Winston, recording clerk.

The following corrections were made in the minutes as read: The word Hinduism was replaced by Buddhism. The word resist was omitted and oppose inserted in the following: Concern was expressed that we not only oppose the U.M.T. bill, but all forms of regimentation. After these corrections, the minutes were approved, as read.

Representatives from the various meetings were as follows: Clear Creek-- Andrew Wolf, Edna Wolf, Lucretia Franklin, Albert Mills and Martha Mills. Peoria--Charles Harker, Eleanor Harker, Robert Winston, Dorothy Winston, Pat Winston, Florence Tjaden, Blanche Crowl, Larry Gara, Lena Gara, Herbert Crowe and Susannah Crowe. Urbana-Champaign--Marian Freeman, Robert Beach. St. Louis--Phoebe Anderson, Clifford Haworth, Margaret Haworth, Jim Haworth, Bill Roberts, Edward Wood and Gertrude Wood.

In her report on the State of Society of the Clear Creek Meeting Edna Wolf reported good attendance. The young people as well as the adults are studying Jane Rushmore's Faith and Practice. Members of the meeting had part in conjunction with other Churches in participating in The World Day of Prayer. A need was felt to cooperate more extensively in interdenominational work in our local communities and in the state. A rug was braided by the ladies for the platform of the Meeting House. The advancement committee arranged for an evening meeting with panel discussion on advancing Friends' Principles through (1) daily living, (2) education, (3) social service, (4) legislation. A guest Reverend Kerr, a Congregational minister, spoke on Christianity abroad.

The Urbana-Champaign Meeting attempted to answer the query, "What is being done to draw members together in a spirit of fellowship?" Robert Beach reported that because their Meeting in early spring felt a need for more occasions for fellowship, a supper meeting was held at Rachel Weller's home, and a picnic followed one of the Meetings of Worship. An outdoor meeting and also a work project at Camp Howard were planned. Attention was given to the different levels in the expression of fellowship: Other than the fellowship of the picnic, fellowship grows out of a shared interest in family life, First-day School, Community or professional affairs, worship-study groups and service projects, fellowship of the Meeting for Worship, and finally the fellowship that comes from a oneness in God, and it is this oneness in God which is the ultimate meaning of all fellowship.

Eleanor Harker reported the attendance of the Peoria Meeting as good. Meetings for Worship are held the third Sunday at 4 P.M. in the member's homes. A potluck follows the meeting which gives opportunity for fellowship. The Meeting was happy to welcome Larry Gara and Lena Gara into their midst.

Phoebe Anderson of the St. Louis Meeting reported more new families in their midst with greater attendance noted in the First-Day School. In March the St. Louis Friends co-sponsored a public meeting with the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The purpose of such a meeting was to disseminate information on the Service Committee's work as well as to solicit funds in their behalf. Betty Collins, an English Friend and AFSC worker in Berlin, was the featured speaker. Her topic dealt with "Berlin--Meeting Place of the East and West". All concerned felt that this venture was a success. Planned for the future is a Peace Fair which the St. Louis Meeting is co-sponsoring with a number of local organizations. All share a common pacifist approach to world affairs.

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The Treasurer's report was read by Edward Wood in the absence of J. D. Hawks, Treasurer. The balance on May 6, 1955 was \$142.48. The meetings were requested to have all money mailed to the Treasurer by July 1st.

A committee was appointed to chose officers for the new year and audit the Treasurer's books. Those named were Edna Wolf, Clear Creek; Clifford Haworth, St. Louis; Eleanor Harker, Peoria; and Robert Beach, Urbana-Champaign.

A committee was also named to frame a telegram to our Congressmen from the Blue River Quarterly Meeting opposing legislation of U.M.T. Charles Harker, Phoebe Anderson and Marian Freeman volunteered to phrase the telegram.

Missouri
It was reported that the C. O.'s in prison in the Springfield/area had had no visitors for months at a time. Robert Beach volunteered to help find someone in that area to visit the C.O.'s.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting is to be held at 12:50 P.M. on August 11, 1955 at Quaker Lane Meeting House immediately prior to the Yearly Meeting.

(signed) Dorothy Winston
Recording Clerk

P. S. Prior to the evening meeting the two committees chosen during business meeting reported as follows:

Committee for auditing books and choosing new officers: We find the Treasurers report corresponds with the deposit slips and checks, though we do not have the most recent bank statement. We recommend the appointment of Edward Wood, Clerk; Robert Beach, Assistant Clerk and Joe D. Hawks, Treasurer.

Committee for writing telegrams:

To Harold H. Velde and William Springer

May we ask that you examine in spiritual light H.R. 5297.
We feel it is inconsistent with Christian principles and good international relations

To Dewey Short

May we encourage and offer our continued support in your opposition to H.R. 5297.

The title of the afternoon discussion was, "The Role Played by the Bible in the Society of Friends", led by Lucretia Franklin; with Albert Mills, Robert Beach and Phoebe Anderson lending a helping hand.

In the evening a very good talk on African Friends was given by Errol Elliott of the Five Years Meeting.