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EDITORIAL

Housekeeping in the Society of Friends

As I sit at my typewriter, I have strewn out beside me on our over-sized double bed all the many communications I have received over the past three months which are to be included in this Bulletin. Looking at the muddle of ordered disorder, I find myself thinking how much like housekeeping is the Meeting work we all undertake! In our families, our love and concern for one another do not rest in a vacuum, but are woven into a fabric of daily acts which provide shelter, food and clothing for the body and nurture for the mind and spirit of each family member. From this sheltering fabric each member steps forth to bring to flower in the larger world the seed that is in him. Our individual Friends Meetings do not rest in a vacuum either, but grow within the sheltering fabric of the larger Society of Friends. Without housekeeping, the fabric deteriorates. Happily, the housekeeping for the larger shelter is done by many more hands, so that no tasks fall too heavily on a burdened few. This Bulletin is a wonderful example of many hands at work on a light and pleasant task. Each communication has been a joy to receive – and I hope a joy to prepare. By your act in reading them, the fabric of the blessed community becomes more tightly woven still. Come weave with me!

Elise Boulding

N.B. Speaking of housekeeping, here are the Bulletin accounts!

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Adda Dilts
508 Denver
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Adda has done a long, tedious and difficult job of creating an accurate and non-duplicating mailing list which we hope is correct to date. We should all be deeply grateful for her cheerful willingness to undertake this part of our housekeeping. If there have been duplicate mailings in the past, or some of you did not receive the first Bulletin, we hope all these omissions are now corrected. Five hundred and fifty copies of this issue will be mailed out. Will all correspondents please check their Meeting report in this Bulletin, to see if the Meeting schedule is accurately reported? When changes occur, please let the Editor know!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

February 2-4: Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting held at Friends Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan

April 7: Joint Meeting of (1) Continuing Committee on Greater Unity
(2) Ad Hoc Committee on the Function of LEA
To be held at Wilmington, Ohio.

April 15: Deadline for next LEA Bulletin materials

April 28-May 1: Friends Witness for World Order (A silent vigil to be held in Washington, D.C.)

June 22-29: Friends General Conference Biennial Meeting at Cape May, N.J.

August 9-12: 1962 Gathering of Friends: "A Living Witness"; to be held at Quaker Haven, Indiana, sponsored by Continuing Committee on Greater Unity.

August 24-26: Lake Erie Association Annual Meeting, Wilmington, Ohio; to be held concurrently with Indiana Yearly Meeting, General Conference; joint session at Waynesville on August 26.

BIRTH OF A YEARLY METING

Box 202, S.M.U.
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear friends:

A new Yearly Meeting was born on November 25, 1961, as the old Friends Southwest Conference became the South-Central Yearly Meeting. Following the earlier example of the Pacific Coast Association which became Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1947, ours became the second group of newly-formed Friends Meetings, on "the growing edge of Quakerism," to move on to Yearly Meeting status via the Conference or Association route. We know that you will rejoice with us in our decision.

It is our sincere hope that you will welcome us into the family of Friends by sending a delegate to our first full Yearly Meeting -- to be held November 23-25, 1962 at Dallas, Texas.

May the light of truth and the spirit of Christ pervade all your meetings for worship and business.

On behalf of South Central Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Kenneth L. Carroll,
clerk

REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE FUNCTION OF IEA

The Ad Hoc Committee has received progress reports from the following meetings: Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Kalamazoo (Michigan); North Columbus and Wooster (Ohio); Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania); and West Lafayette (Indiana). Each Meeting has indicated that exploratory discussions are being held. The Committee wishes to extend the deadline for the fuller reports from February 1 to March 1. The central questions in the discussion of these Meetings as Yearly meeting status is explored concern how to continue in unity with other Friends bodies in the area, and how the extra organizational work and financial responsibility involved in yearly meeting status can be handled. The possibility of one or two Meetings becoming United Meetings, with membership both in Lake Erie and in an older Yearly Meeting, is being discussed. Kalamazoo has sent in the following minute from November 20th Meeting for Business:

"Kalamazoo Monthly Meeting friends are in accord that:

- 1) Lake Erie Association should become a Yearly Meeting;
- 2) Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting should become a quarterly meeting of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting with the expectation that the other meetings in Lake Erie Association would similarly be formed into quarterly meetings of this body.
- 3) Friends of our Meeting are prepared to give their spiritual concern to Lake Erie Yearly Meeting but have some hesitation about organization for organization's sake or duplication of functions. With due care for these concern as the group is built, they would hope to give what they can in time and financial support toward this venture."

The fall business session of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting adopted a lengthy minute for consideration by its constituent Monthly Meetings, which included the following points to be

kept in mind:

"(1) We recognize that a Yearly Meeting is the form of organization through which the concerns of monthly and quarterly meetings can have wider and more effective expression. From its beginning our Quarterly Meeting has looked toward eventual membership in a Yearly Meeting.

(2) We do not believe our Quarterly Meeting has the resources itself to become a Yearly Meeting. Even if it did, we would want to continue the fellowship that we have experienced within the Lake Erie Association. Moreover, we recognize that a Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, to be effective, would require the active support and participation of the members and meetings of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting.

(3) The change from Association to Yearly Meeting should express a concern for closer spiritual fellowship; with changes in organizational detail made only as need arises. Some of us have already experienced the beginning of such fellowship during the 1961 annual meeting of Lake Erie Association.

(4) We believe that forming a Lake Erie Yearly Meeting would not "separate us from Friends of other Yearly Meetings in our area. Indeed, Friends visiting our Quarterly Meeting from Ohio Conservative and Indiana General Conference Yearly Meetings have suggested that adopting the conventional form of organization might even facilitate the growing interaction between Yearly Meetings in this area. We wish to emphasize our concern for closer association and particularly welcome the prospect of holding concurrent annual sessions with these Yearly Meetings from time to time."

If any Meeting wishes more copies of "Organization and Branches of the Society of Friends in the Great Lakes Region of the Mid-West," prepared by Brad Angell for LEA in February 1961, to give informational background for Meeting discussions on affiliation, they can be obtained from the Bulletin Editor. Copies of the Ad Hoc Committee Report to the 1961 session of LEA are also available.

As we ponder the differing needs and sensitivities of different Meetings within the LEA, it is heartening to know that another group of Friends has gone through several years of similar discussion, and finally felt that "the way was open". Even at the time of the minuting of South Central Yearly Meeting in November, this was not a unanimous decision of all participating Meetings. The Houston Meeting which had had serious reservations finally decided to join in the Minute, but the Memphis Meeting refrained, feeling the need of more time to decide whether or not to join. The minutes of the gathering of the South-Central Friends clearly reflect a tremendous surge of spiritual unity and power in the face of differences. This is an inspiring reminder of the source of our strength as individuals, as Meetings, and as a Society.

FRIENDS LOVE DIVERSITY

by Marshall Sutton

Midwest Secretary of the Friends World Committee

(Note: This is the first in a series of articles by leading Friends in the Great Lakes Region on the theme "Towards Greater Unity").

In August 1961 a hundred and fifty Friends from North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and Madagascar met in Kenya, East Africa at the invitation of East Africa Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. This was not a gathering of like-minded Quakers. We did not go that far just to be agreeable. There was a living reality of love on which all of us fed and there was diversity and creativity. The spiritual security we felt there left us free to speak from the heart. There was love and there was a fascinating diversity. There was an absence of fear and cautiousness; I believe we were tendered there in this manner because in Africa we were immediately aware of the responsibility resting on us to share with Friends there the continuing tasks we face. We were helped to see more clearly through African eyes. We were overcome with the truth that we are fellow workers with God. This is an old truth but there it was existential. It was a fresh discovery. Secondly, our diversity was a live stimulus. We were inwardly faced with the query: Is HE really over all? Are we one in HIM? The answer came in a victorious way, not by statement, but through fellowship in the various meetings for seven days. There was a Presence within reach.

What does this have to do with Friends in Ohio and Michigan? It pointed up afresh to me two things: (1) wherever there is human need, human suffering, we are all involved. Secondly, words are not Truth. Truth is an inward matter of the heart. It almost seemed as if the diversity in language and culture called out in a fresh way these truths. Some of the manufactured theological armor was cast off. We were closer to the naked Source.

The diversities we knew in Kenya are also in Ohio and Michigan and other places. The opportunity for adventure and discovery are here as well. Creativeness, diversity, adventure, discovery and freedom from fear are somewhat related. Not all, but some of this adventure is beyond the bounds of the Monthly Meeting, the Association, the Yearly Meeting. A Minute from Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting in Michigan expresses it this way: "We are somewhat bewildered by the number and variety of Yearly Meetings in our region, and feel drawn toward closer ties with several groups of Friends, rather than with one. We have a deep concern for the right organization of our Society, an organization which will be based on present realities more than on historic differences, and which will enable us to do together those things which we should do together, and to do apart those things which we should do apart."

Twenty three years ago Friends from independent Meetings in the Ohio area gathered at Cleveland, Ohio for the same reason: "to exchange ideas about problems facing the struggling new Meetings in urban and university centers" (Friends Journal September 10, 1955). In Ohio, Friends first began to seek each other out in 1795 when Friends settled at Deerfield on the Little Miami River, now in Warren County four miles from Morrow near Waynesville. In 1800 Friends were settling down in Belmont County, Ohio near Wheeling. By 1803 there were three cabin Meeting Houses. By 1813 there were so many Friends in Ohio that a Yearly Meeting was formed. It was just too far to go to Baltimore for Yearly Meeting. Now there are several Yearly Meetings with Monthly Meetings in Ohio. There are several Quaker vehicles carrying some of the same concerns; sometimes in the same community. This may be in right ordering if we are aware. These vehicles are man made to a degree. They can be imperfect. Sometimes they do not function properly. We need to be aware of each other. We need to check on the maps we are using. I am conscious, after returning from Africa, that roads can be slippery and its possible to be off the road. In Africa I was on a bus where we had to get out and push. The incident improved our sense of humor and we discovered new friends! Our Quaker organizations are vehicles and if they are not doing the job they can be repaired or discarded. We do not want to spend much time on the technical problems. The journey itself needs our primary attention.

The Continuing Committee on Greater Unity has been of some service in this common task. This group of Friends from three Yearly Meetings and the Lake Erie Association has met seven

times in the past three years in various parts of Ohio and once in Michigan. Each time some new discovery is made. On this committee are teachers, farmers, businessmen. At the last meeting of the Committee in Salem, Ohio one member said: "This is a first for me. I have never worshipped with Friends in Salem." The Quaker boundaries in Ohio are becoming more transparent. Some hedges are down. Something new has appeared which helps us focus what God has yet to say when we let Him in. May there be more Seekers!

1962 GATHERING OF FRIENDS

Early in his Journal, George Fox mentions "divers meetings of Friends" gathered "to God's teachings, by His light, spirit and power...."

Since its formation in 1958, the Continuing Committee on Greater Unity has been concerned with bringing together "divers Meetings of Friends." This Committee, made up of representatives from the Indiana (GC), Ohio (C), and Wilmington (FYM) Yearly Meetings and the Lake Erie Association of Friends Meetings, is now sponsoring a 1962 Gathering of Friends.

The Gathering is to be held August 9-12, 1962, at Quaker Haven, in northeastern Indiana. "A Living Witness" is the theme around which will be developed topics related to Christian family life, the personal search, and the power of God for witness in the community. Morning worship-discussion groups and evening lectures will offer stimulus for discovery and sharing.

To encourage families to attend together, plans are being made for activities and recreation appealing to various age groups. Afternoons will be free for rest, swimming, and boating. Cost will be moderate. The Committee hopes that this Gathering will provide unique opportunities to all Friends in the mid-western area for spiritual deepening combined with fellowship and relaxation.

Detailed programs will be available later. For information, contact Isabel Bliss, General Chairman, at 6011 Theota Ave., Cleveland 29, Ohio, or the Mid-west Office of the Friends World Committee, Marshall Sutton, Secretary, at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio. (Sent by Isabel Bliss)

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE

While the following excerpt from a release by Lawrence McK. Miller describing the Central Committee Meeting of Friends General Conference held at Waynesville Ohio last October is "stale" as news, we believe that many Lake Erie Friends were not aware of this meeting and would be interested in knowing about it.

"The headline in a Dayton newspaper, "Quakers in area for first time since '15," was accurate only in one small respect. It was true that the Central Committee of Friends General Conference was meeting in Waynesville, Ohio, for the first time since 1915, but the very reason for meeting there was because of the considerable number of Friends in Ohio and the widespread interest of some of these Friends in the General Conference. Moreover, to stimulate this interest, all Friends in nearby Meetings were invited to attend Saturday evening a public meeting at which Bliss Forbush, Clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, spoke on "An Approach to Quakerism."

The meeting of the Central Committee was well attended by Friends from the seven constituent Yearly Meetings of the Conference and from Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting in Michigan. Nine Friends came from New England Yearly Meeting. In the business meetings of the Committee, lively consideration was given to the whole range of Conference activities. Chairmen of standing committees, which also met during the course of the weekend, reported on

their programs, inviting suggestions and comments. Barrett Hollister, chairman of the Conference, presided over the Central Committee sessions.

Particular attention was given to Midwest concerns, reacting to the growing demand for services from that section of the country and, more particularly, responding to a formal request from Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting that the Conference employ a Midwest field secretary and sponsor a Midwest conference in 1963. The opportunities for the Conference in that area were more clearly defined in discussing these concerns, and the Advancement Committee was asked to study the requests." Lawrence McK. Miller, Jr., General Secretary, Friends General Conference.

The question of a midwest field secretary for Friends General Conference will be taken up again at a committee meeting to be held at Pendle Hill the end of January, and will probably be brought to the Cape May Conference in June. The Cape May program promises both challenge and inspiration, with Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas scheduled to speak on civil liberties, and Richard Ullman of London Yearly Meeting on East-West relations.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

(Note: We won't ordinarily cover AFSC items in the Bulletin, because the Regional Office does an excellent job of keeping us all informed. However, these Jottings from the AFSC fall weekend conference at Germantown, sent in by our Cleveland correspondent Art Tawell, are so interesting that they will be included.)

9/16 evening, a Panel: Irving Morrisett, Cynthia Kerman, David Fankhouser, Louis Neumann, Harold Evans "Direct Action: Walking, Talking, Riding, Sitting, Standing, Praying."

1. The New York Times was able to sample press reports from the entire world three days after the Jackson, Miss. arrest of the first thirty-five Freedom Riders.
Individual is responsible to protest wrongs within his capacity. Practical? Getting jailed just before exams is impractical. Right at all? Early confrontations excite new hate.
Effective? Some Deep South papers woke up to grudging tolerance of Freedom Riders when alerted by beatings and systematic beastly care. Since Freedom Rides, Jackson Negroes are organized to attempt to register to vote. During a Parchman term a hardened guard was seen to begin to rethink and to justify his contempt for the species "prisoner."
2. In 1960 the regional Peace Education Committee desired the executive committee to lend the Committee's sponsorship and respectability to a gas warfare protest. This was made at Newport, Ind., at Easter 1961. It was a success, but regional committee should not necessarily advance all such proposals.
3. Friends doubt not the efficacy of prayer, but are we discussing here a more spectacular, inferior form of prayer?
Many projects offered by Friends to the Service Committee are unsuitable; some definitely arise from deep religious, Quakerly concern. Will borderline suggestions interfere with Committee priority concerns, or carry forward their parent concern, or poach outside AFSC's boundaries?
Public witness, as does a revival service, is best for immediate participants, rededicates them to emotional high ideals.

National Board gives regions liberty to follow concerns into lawful direct action under high standards and with discriminating co-sponsorship. National AFSC values cooperation of US Government agencies that could be alienated by ill-conceived picketing of their neighbor bureaus.

4. Cynthia Kerman's statement on her experiences in the November 1960 Pentagon vigil was a chief article of inspiration at the Newport, Ind. vigil.

Vigil is a thing a non-specialist can do, but it is a new dimension and gives skill too. It is a key to spiritual energy partly in terms of cost to the participant. Vigils dare a participant to dare more.

A vigil shakes the onlooker in terms of the discipline of the participant.

We can expect our enemies to misunderstand us, but if it is in character with what our acquaintances know, they will suffer us our public witness.

Tom Jones objected eloquently that AFSC's historic witness grew out of the patience of the World War I draftees who went to camp and were tested one by one; until they were permitted to serve by building, by binding wounds, by "continuing to lay down their lives" to give elemental aid; that monthly, quarterly and yearly meeting channels are the proper and intimate channels for testing of radical concern; that public, gang prayer appointed under expertise of our Service Committee is outright aggression on consciences not yet addressed by "due process." (my "quote")

9/17/61 Morning Plenary Session

Steve Cary asks of the worship-fellowship groups to follow how AFSC shall make communication and intercultural, interideological reconciliation in all the world!

Reconciliation, rapprochement is sometimes suddenly miraculous, chiefly on an individual level.

"Communication is only half the battle." Confrontation can estrange anew. Some people don't want to solve differences among men or groups. Desire here need not start equal in two parties. Genuine expectations are necessary. Confrontation parties must be parties of equals. Relief in its unequal nature is thus a very limited avenue of communication.

Negroes' own acts of dignity have broken their and whites' feeling of inferiority-superiority. AFSC is capable of making prejudgment and causing pain thereby.

First method of confrontation among equals is CANDOR. This is risky; the Leningrad seminar hosts almost expelled the Quakers as fascists in the first few days of the 1960 meeting. The sincerity of personality was the only thing that saved that occasion and the return visit.

Patience, forbearance, sensitivity are further necessary attitudes.

There are ideological gulfs within the Society of Friends as deep as the Bering Strait.

Brittle human will is not a sufficient stickum to bind a confrontation situation; we must live up to our experience and call on Divine Grace.

NOTES FROM FRIENDS SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Friends Boarding School, Barnesville, Ohio

Report from the Lake Erie Association Committee on the Friends Boarding School:

"Robert Morgan of the Pittsburgh LEA meeting will speak to Friends Boarding School on February 3 on "Your First Year in College." Robert Morgan is a counselor in Carnegie Institute

of Technology, Pittsburgh. He is also a past clerk of Pittsburgh Meeting. This talk inaugurates for the present school year a program in which LEA members will perform or speak to Boarding School students.

"An important part in a closer tie between Lake Erie Friends and the school", William Taber, Principal, said, "can be the appearance at Barnesville of Friends with artistic talent or able to speak on their field of work so as to entertain or inform young people planning their life's work." Friends who wish to contribute by appearing at the school may write to William Taber at Friends Boarding School, Barnesville, Ohio.

Two LEA members who contributed to the school program last year were Vera Smisek, who gave a book review, and Birginia Dupuis, who gave two piano recitals."

Here is more news of the school, excerpted from a letter from William P. Taber, Jr., principal:

"It may be of interest to know that six of our students are members or attenders of Lake Erie Association Meetings. From the Cleveland area we have Jerry Clark, Karen Wood, David Culver. Nan Owens is a senior from Oberlin, and David Edmondson and Carl Patterson are from the Columbus Meeting. One of our teachers, Elisabeth Emmons, was clerk of the Oberlin Meeting last year. It may also be of interest to some readers to know that the Principal was a member of the Lake Erie Association for many years.

One of the highlights of this semester was a weekend with Benjamin Wegesa, a teacher and leader in the Kenya Yearly Meeting who was brought to this school by the invitation of the freshman geography class. While here he spoke to two other classes, led a seminar for older students, directed a recreation hour with a Kenya theme, addressed the entire school on our responsibilities as Americans and Quakers today, and attended our First-day meeting in Stillwater meetinghouse. Other visiting Friends and friends of the Friends this semester have included Elfrida Vipont Foulds, who spoke to several classes and who conducted a discussion on writing, as well as speaking to the assembled school; Jerry Lehmann, who was one of the peace walkers from our west coast to Moscow; Jan de Hartog, the Dutch writer and member of the Wider Quaker Fellowship, and Lloyd Steer, a retired American diplomat and most recently director of the African-American Foundation.

Our school has just had a German dinner to increase our interest in and knowledge about our affiliated school in Germany, Gaienhofen, which one of our juniors, Diana Mayne, is attending this year. Some of the new activities at Olney this year include the formalizing of the school monthly meeting, which has met irregularly for about ten years. The school monthly meeting has adopted a set of queries based upon the London Discipline. One group of students in the school has organized a student peace union and is currently planning an original literary production based upon Which Way the Wind. The freshman class has organized a "Feed Bag Shop" to sell health foods to the students. Two other enterprising students, with the encouragement of the administration, have set up a large paper back book rack with many good paper backs for sale. One indication of the change in Olney in the last ten years is that one of our "litararies" early in the fall was devoted entirely to student performances on their own musical instruments. We have a more musical school this year than ever before. An operetta is planned in the spring." 12/18/61.

Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio

A Religious Activities Center to be called the Thomas R. Kelly Center is under construction on the campus. It will be the home of the Campus Monthly Meeting and other religious groups on the campus. Space will be provided in the new building for an office of the Mid-west office of the Friends World Committee. It is hoped that the building will be ready for use this spring.

The Goals for Americans Program is underway, bringing guest speakers to the campus. This fall four speakers have lectured on The Individual and Equality and the Democratic Process. All college students are required to hear the speakers. Students enrolled for credit meet with faculty in small seminar groups for discussion.

Friends will be glad to know that James Read, President, is making a good recovery from his heart attack of last fall.

Max Carr, correspondent
(also Chairman of the College Music Department)

Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana

A group of concerned students on the campus has organized a political discussion club called EPIC for facing political and international problems. Some of them would like occasionally to do something about some of these issues, (including disarmament) although the group is not primarily action-oriented.

The College has a new 3/3 plan for the school year: 3 terms and only 3 courses per term. It is also developing a foreign study program.

Allen D. Hole,
correspondent

NOTES FROM LOCAL METINGS

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Friends are looking forward joyfully to the first meeting for worship in the new meeting house (built as an addition to the existing Friends Center) on February 4. Ann Arbor will be playing host to Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting in its new building that weekend. While much energy has gone into planning, fund-raising and building, Friends have not neglected other concerns. The Peace and Service Committee has been very active in the concern for discriminatory housing practices in the community. Several women of the Meeting have given leadership to a large and active group of Women for Peace, formed as a result of the spontaneous demonstrations which took place across the country on November 1, sparked by the Washington, D. C. Women Strike for Peace. The Sunday school continues to be vigorous, with imaginative teaching and lively participation, and the adult class is beginning the new semester with a study of "The Use of Force in International Affairs", prepared by a Working Party of the Friends Peace Committee. Student activities have been lively. The co-op residents are an unusually fine group of girls this year with many "Quakerly" concerns.

The Center has housed a weekly student luncheon group which meets with foreign students to learn how the world (and the U.S.) looks through the eyes of other countries, including the Soviet Union, Japan, and the Arab Republics. A group of students interested in developing a campus peace movement has been meeting at the Center.

Sunday Schedule: 10:00, Sunday school, all ages; 11:00, Meeting for worship; Friends Center, 1416 Hill St.

Hurford Crosman, Clerk: 1809 Hill St. Sybil Stokes, Bulletin Editor; 2723 Cranbrook Rd.

Birmingham, Michigan

Birmingham Friends now meet for worship on Sunday afternoon. Since the Meeting is not large enough to provide its own Sunday School the change in meeting time enables families with

children to attend other Sunday School programs in the morning. It is hoped to have special open meetings once a month with a publicized speaker.

Sunday Schedule: Meeting for worship, 4:30: YMCA, 400 East Lincoln
George Griscom, Clerk; 256 Abbey Birmingham. San Iden, Newsletter; 1120 Murdock.

Cleveland, Ohio

SPECIAL STOP-THE-PRESS NOTICE! Cleveland Friends require a mature couple to be in residence in their Meeting House in the University Circle area. Private quarters consisting of two large rooms, bath and kitchen are offered in exchange for oversight of the property. Will anyone interested please contact Residence Committee, c/o Cleveland Friends Meeting, 10916 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland 6; or call William Bliss at TU 4-2695.

Families from Cleveland Meeting continue their interest in opportunities offered by Friends schools, with thirteen students now enrolled in boarding schools and colleges. Anne Andorn is at Westtown, Andrew Bass at George School, Norma Francis at Scattergood, and Peter Clausen at the Meeting School. At Oakwood are Susan White and Gene Poore. Olney's list includes Jared Clark, David Culver, and Karen Wood. On the college level, we are represented by Stephen Miller at Haverford, and by Elizabeth Culver, Florence Francis, and Barbara Bliss at Earlham.

The film "Alternatives" which was purchased two years ago by the Cleveland Meeting library continues to be requested by groups of church young people in the city. Showings are followed by discussion of conscientious objection as a part of the larger problems of peace, and pamphlet material such as "The Draft Law and Your Choices" from the Friends Peace Committee (Phila.) is distributed to attenders. The Meeting is now making plans to purchase "The Language of Faces" for community-wide use.

The adult study group, now in its second year of weekly sessions, is beginning to discuss the pamphlet "The Use of Force in International Affairs". It is under the leadership of George Levinger, who served as chairman of the Working Party which prepared this publication for the Friends Peace Committee in 1961.

(Note: we append to the Cleveland Notes parts of a moving resort of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight, entitled "Points of View and Eyes of Love", submitted 1st Month 5, 1962.)

For those who remember the two reports of this committee last year, it will be recalled that they dealt first with the four roads to what Rufus Jones described as the rightly-fashioned life, and second, with traveling these roads in unity and understanding as a Quaker family. Since that time our travels have continued, and along the way we have lost companions in the sadness of death and in the joy of marriage, and we have also been strengthened by the addition of new members to our group.

At times we have stopped moving completely while we considered the obstacles in our path and asked for guidance in surmounting them. And while our journey continued, what was our point of view as to those we met and the things we saw? Did we look at all with the eyes of love or with an attempt to understand what lay beyond the outward and visible signs?

Sometimes when we come into this room for a meeting for worship or for business we choose various plates to sit and our point of view is changed. If we face the fireplace with its marble front, we may notice that the marble has a crack across it. That is, if we take the critical point of view and have no depth of perception. However, we may also be conscious of its great beauty and its years of service as a gathering place for the happy family who lived here and whose loving interest helped us acquire this as our home.

Or we may look at the frieze on the right above the fireplace. If we look closely, we see that it is not perfect. But its state of near perfection is the result of the skill of a painter who knew this was our place of worship and who felt that he could restore to some extent that which was dissolved by leaking water pipes.

Then again we may look toward the garden, a spot of beauty for all of us. Do we just look and say, "How lovely," or do we review mentally the physical labor of those of the Meeting who have made it so?

From one position in this room we can catch a glimpse of a corner of the library, a place where many like to gather for exchange of ideas and for mental and spiritual stimulation. Do we look beyond the physical appearance and perceive the care and thought and labor that have gone into assembling and distributing a collection of books and literature suitable to all ages and to our needs as Quakers and Christians?

Just as we may have various points of view as to this room, so can we have various points of view of those journeying through life with us.

Sunday Schedule: 11:00, Meeting for worship and Sunday School, 10916 Magnolia Dr.
Lucy Clark, Clerk; Box 123, Bedford, Ohio; Tatler Editor, Lucia Billman, 5849 Woolman Ct.;
LEA correspondent, Art Tawell, 11418 Bellflower Rd.

Columbus, Ohio

Columbus Friends Center has an interesting group of student residents this year with unusually varied background and interests. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has been sponsoring a series of public meetings on peace education, with speakers recently returned from Teheran, Tunisia, and the USSR, Czechoslovakia and Poland. The children of the Meeting have collected \$15.93 for UNICEF; "...250 children of nursing mothers will have a glass of milk every day for a month. This will happen because our children cared."

Sunday Schedule: First-Day School, 10:00; Singing, 10:45; Worship, 11:00; at Friends
Center, 1954 Indianola Ave.
Edgar Shaudys, Clerk; 1423 Mulford Rd.; Ruth Van Wormer, Newsletter, 2802 Kensington
Place; Dortha Patterson, correspondent, 971 High, Worthington, Ohio.

East Lansing, Michigan

The meeting has moved from the Wesley Foundation House back to its old quarters on the second floor of College House of Peoples' Church. A pre-meeting discussion group is studying Thomas Kelly's Testament of Devotion. A Sunday evening discussion group will meet once a month, and will be reading Robert Byrd's "Quaker Ways in Foreign Policy." Projects: The meeting has collected enough trading stamps to send six blankets to AFSC for Algerian relief, and holds work parties to pack clothing for the AFSC.

"Feeling that the small Meetings are particularly in need of each other's support, we planned to visit the Saginaw Meeting today. It so happened that only two of us were able to make the trip. Saginaw Friends were most hospitable, and we greatly enjoyed meeting and talking with them."
(November 5 letter)

Sunday Schedule: discussion group, 10:15; meeting, 11:00; at College House of Peoples'
Church, East Lansing.
Peter Stettenheim, Clerk and correspondent; 724 Elm St., East Lansing.

Grove City, Pennsylvania

The Friends in this part of Pennsylvania are not numerous enough to have a regular monthly meeting, but meet at various locations on alternate Sundays. Our schedule, which we follow in general, is as follows:

1st Sunday of each month, at Meadville, in the home of Sam and Marion Lindley, 502 Jefferson, Meadville.

2nd Sunday, at Grove City, in the Faculty Lounge of Grove City College Library (second floor). Larry Gara, 319 W. Poplar, is the contact person for this meeting.

3rd Sunday, at Erie, in the home of Howard and Flora McKinney, 3112 Oakwood, Erie.

Sometimes we are not able to follow this schedule, and one of the persons listed above should be contacted by anyone visiting in the area who would like to attend. We are always happy to have visiting Friends meet with us and hope that anyone traveling through this way will do so.

Since we are not very well organized, our activities as a group have not been very numerous. However, this next year we have undertaken to send financial help as we are able to Yoon Guo Lee who is directing a village school and rehabilitation project in Korea. Several members of our group participated in the vigil at the site of the Kinzua Dam now under construction which will cause the flooding of Seneca Indian land in New York State.

Sunday Schedule: visitors should contact Larry Gara, 319 Poplar St., Grove City for information.

Larry Gara, clerk; Lenna Mae Gara, correspondent; 319 Poplar St.

Indianapolis Independent Friends Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana

There is, or was, a small Indianapolis Independent Friends Meeting which met in the homes of members for worship and which had contact with the Lake Erie Association. The previous clerk, Gordon Graves of 4842 Cornelius Ave., Indianapolis notified us in October that Bruce Pearson of 3506 Layman Ave. was the new clerk but we have had no further communication from either of these Friends. Any information?

Jackson, Michigan

Because of the removal of several families, the small Jackson Meeting has been laid down for the time being. Anyone wishing contact with Jackson Friends can communicate with James Calvert, 713 Tefft Rd., Jackson.

Kalamazoo, Michigan

The Kalamazoo First-Day School has been using Character Research Project materials in its classes on an experimental basis for this year. Four Bandanna Bags were filled with school supplies for Latin American countries at Christmas. Self-taxation gifts to U.N.'s FAO were \$182.06 and to Technical Assistance to Africa, \$334.15.

In the last month we have had two people tell of their experiences in Africa. Winifred Crosman told of her visit as a delegate to the largest yearly Meeting of Friends in the world, which is held in Kenya, where education through the fourth grade is generally available, but the crying need is for high school education. Donald Ebeling told us of his twenty-year experience as a missionary in Tanganyika, where much progress has been made against the superstition of witch doctors.

The third Institutional Service Unit spent all day Saturday, December 2, in volunteer work in the wards at the State Hospital. Nearly sixty students took part, the largest number since the units were started. Another meeting is planned for February 16-17.

Our meeting is very much interested in the new group of Friends now gathering in Grand Rapids and we wish them the highest inspiration and success. On Sunday afternoon, January 7, a good group met together in the Fountain Street Baptist Church. They plan to meet regularly and our thoughts will be with them.

Peace has been very much a concern of all our members. Turn Toward Peace, a national organization now being started locally, has been offered the use of the Meeting House for their Peace Center. Cynthia Kerman sent out a letter urging that we all write our friends and governmental and UN representatives of our interest in promoting peace in non-militaristic ways. Bradford Lyttle, who participated in the San Francisco to Moscow Peace Walk, will speak in Kalamazoo February 11 on the "Defense of Freedom." The anniversary of the day Gandhi was killed, January 30, will be set aside as a day for prayer and fasting. There will be a Meager Meal in the evening, followed by a period of meditation.

An interesting discussion was led by Dr. Robert Friedmann on the difference between the Eastern mystic, seeking absorption in an impersonal Entity, and the Western mystic, seeking dialogic communion with a personal God. He pointed out that Friends of Rufus Jones' persuasion, who rely more on an inner Divine inspiration than on any outward authority, are sometimes left at loose ends and must keep our spiritual life lines clear.

Sunday Schedule: First-Day School, Meeting, 10:00; Adult discussion, 11:00; at Meeting House, 508 Denner.

Cynthia Kerman, clerk, 1113 Warren Place; Eleanor Richardson, Newsletter, correspondent; 922 Grant St.

Lexington, Kentucky

The meeting is very small -- about five families. In October the Meeting had an all-day seminar with Donald Groom of the AFSC, with Friends from Louisville in attendance.

Sunday Schedule: Meeting at 7:30 PM at YWCA.

Ruth Darnell Sawyer, clerk and correspondent, 359 Bob-O-Link Dr., Lexington,

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

(Note: The Pittsburgh Meeting as seen through its Monthly Bulletin presents a picture of what a "well-rounded" Friends Meeting can be at its best! Some of us build buildings, some are good at social concerns, some are particularly attentive to deepening the spiritual life -- but Pittsburgh does all these things!)

In October the Meeting held a one-day Retreat around the question "What is my relationship with myself, with others, with the meeting and with God?", with forty Friends in attendance. That same week ten Friends (including two children) held a vigil from 2 to 5 on Sunday afternoon in front of the State Office Building to protest the execution of Arthur G. Schuck. A number of families of the Meeting have taxed themselves 1% of their income as a contribution to the UN, and have so far sent in \$800.52 as an affirmation of their faith in the future of the world.

James E. Syphers was recently appointed to be in charge of a new Pittsburgh Area office of the AFSC; and has his office in the Meeting House. There have been weekend work camps and seminars in a steady stream through fall and winter. The Meeting House also provides a center

for the Pittsburgh Women's Peace Group of 100 women. The Peace and Social Action Committee has set up a speaker's bureau of local scientists available for PTA's and other groups who need a speaker on nuclear problems, civil defense, etc. The Meeting also holds supper meetings monthly or oftener, with programs of local or visiting Friends and opportunity for fellowship. The Meetinghouse Committee reports a struggle familiar to many meetings in LEA -- a struggle between expanding space needs of a Meeting house, and local building codes. This is something everyone can sympathize with!

Sunday Schedule: 10:30, Meeting, Sunday School; 11:30, adult class; Meeting House, 1353 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh.

Sally Dewees, clerk, 1296 Arrowood Dr.; Lee Paxson, Newsletter, correspondent, 600 Berlin Rd.

Oberlin, Ohio

News from our little, unaffiliated Oxford Meeting is scant -- we have a little larger student attendance this year, and eight 'older' members. Cornell Hewson was appointed clerk this fall on his return from a year as Executive Secretary of the AFSC Portland Office. We continue to attract a few serious seekers among Western College and Miami University students, and are thankful for this chance to open new paths, even for a few. We now meet in homes of members each Sunday evening of the school year, and welcome visitors.

Sunday Schedule: contact Camilla Flintermann for information; worship Sunday evenings. Cornell Hewson, clerk, Oxford; Camilla Flintermann, Correspondent, 359 Patterson.

Painesville Ohio

Our regular First Day Meeting for Worship is again being held at Garfield Center on the Campus of Lake Erie College in Painesville. During the summer we had been meeting at the lake shore cottage of Walter and Ruth Rust, in Perry, Ohio. With coming of fall, there has been a reorganization of the First Day School. We are also trying to make both our Meeting for worship and our Meeting for Business more fruitful by divorcing them. Formerly our Meeting for Business followed the Meeting for Worship and a pot luck lunch on the last First day of the month. Now we plan to have the Meeting for Business on the last Wednesday evening of the month in the home of a member or attender.

Sunday Schedule: 10:30, Meeting and First-Day School, Garfield Center, Lake Erie College. Walter Rust, clerk; Lockwood Rd., Perry; Edward A Taubert, Recording Clerk and correspondent, 2040 Hubbard Rd., Madison, Ohio.

West Lafayette, Indiana

On one or two recent Sundays we have had record crowds in our small facilities. We continue to meet in the Student Center and pastor's home run by Farmers' Institute Friends Church. Fred Shaw is the new pastor there.

The most interesting current educational project in Meeting is Jeanne McCormack's program for the junior high class. Beginning last winter and continuing into this fall, they have been studying various religions and visiting other churches. They have visited the synagogue, Catholic church, a testimonial meeting at the Christian Science Church, the fasting and communion service at the Mormon Church, and a number of other services.

Sunday Schedule: 10:30, Meeting and Sunday School, 220 Pierce St.

Merritt S. Webster, clerk, 225 Connolly St.; Irving Morrisett, correspondent, 1113 Hillcrest.

Wilmington, Ohio

On October 4, the Campus Monthly Meeting agreed to a voluntary taxation by its members for the purpose of supporting the UN, and issued a statement which was carried in full in the local press.

During the past year the Meeting has raised over \$800.00 in cash which will be used in the construction of the Thomas Kelly Center (Religious Activities Building) on the College Campus. The Center will include a Meeting Room for Campus Monthly Meeting. It should be completed in the spring of 1962.

The Young Friends Group on Campus seems to be most active this year. Their Meeting attendance and vocal ministry has given added vitality to the Meeting for Worship.

Campus Meeting, as you know, is a member of Wilmington Yearly Meeting though our Meeting for Worship follows the pattern set by early Friends; that is, unprogrammed. The Meeting does wish to keep in close touch with the Lake Erie Association.

Sunday Schedule: 10:30, Meeting on the College Campus,
Virginia Sutton, Clerk, 348 N. Walnut St.; Max Carr, correspondent, Wilmington College.

Wooster, Ohio

Stephen Simon is the new clerk. He is assistant professor of biology at Ashland College. Before joining Friends Meeting in Wooster three years ago he and his family were members of Homewood Meeting at Baltimore, Md.

Sunday Schedule: 9:15, Meeting at Student Union, Wooster College.
Stephen Simon, clerk; RFD #2, Ashland; Dorothea Kriebel, correspondent, 2545 Christmas Run,
Wooster.

Yellow Springs, Ohio

The Yellow Springs Meeting, while affiliated with Indiana General Conference, also desires to stay in close fellowship with the Lake Erie Association. They have appointed a correspondent to the Bulletin, but unfortunately no Bulletins or news more recent than August have reached the Editor to date. The Meeting has supported the stand of its member Bea Dyer a teacher in the Yellow Springs Public Schools who was under fire for non-payment of taxes. She has been rehired by the Board of Education. A published statement on "Friends and Taxes" approved by Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting for Business last May is available from the clerk on request.

Sunday Schedule: 11:00, Meeting and Sunday School, Rockford Chapel, Antioch College.
Ruth Keaton, clerk; 1105 Livermore St.; Jane Morgan. correspondent, RFD #1, Box 275.

Quarterly Meetings

We hope in the next issue of the Bulletin to have reports from each Quarterly Meeting and regional gathering of Friends within the Lake Erie Association.

Green Pastures Quarter met in September and discussed and minuted its concerns regarding the Lake Erie Association, as quoted earlier in this newsletter. At the coming Quarterly Meeting in February there will be a special program built around the theme "Knowledge for Peace, Research and Action." In October there was a Central Ohio Friends Gathering including

Granville, Columbus and Delaware Meetings. At this time the Crists spoke of their summer work camp experiences. In March, the Pittsburgh Meeting will be host to a Regional Meeting in its area. Will correspondents please note our desire to have information on such gatherings? So far, Green Pastures Junior Quarterly Meeting is the only group to send in a report especially for the Bulletin. We include it with pride!

Green Pastures Junior Quarterly Meeting Activities
(September 22-24)

We felt we had a very good program during Green Pastures which was highlighted by Kenneth Boulding's speech on the Russian-American seminar conducted last summer in the United States. Inspired by this speech, we decided to give \$50 to the American Friends Service Committee for future Russian-American relations.

Like the adults, we have also been thinking and talking about the future of the Lake Erie Association and other Quaker organizations in the midwest. On Saturday, we had a discussion which filled us in on the background and which also required us to seriously examine what Quakerism really is and how our meetings fit into the big picture of Quakerism.

We have all been participating in many activities for peace and/or fellowship.

Caroline Hamm,
correspondent

Green Pastures Quarter has been giving attention to the functions of Quarterly Meeting committees. Such committees must obviously fill real needs, not be created to conform with tradition. Adda Dilts has prepared a statement on suggested responsibilities of a Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, which is included here as suggestive to all regional groups of how meetings might work together.

These are the suggested responsibilities for a Quarterly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel.

1. That described in Faith and Practice on p. 62 in regard to reports on the Queries addressed to members on Worship and Ministry.

2. The fostering and recommending for recognition of new meetings. (Latter function previously assumed by Friends World Com.) p. 56-57 Faith and Practice. This should include visitation of such meetings and counseling with members and officers of same.

3. Serving as a referral source for problems of member meetings or for isolated Friends (or seekers) within the quarterly meeting area.

4. Keeping track of removals and transfers of Friends -- seeing that the Meeting closest to such be told of such individuals, and they of the Meeting. When no meeting is nearby, there may be other isolated Friends who can be informed. Sometimes the entry of a single active family into a community provides the spark for a new meeting.

5. Maintaining an up-to-date mailing list of Friends, friends of Friends, FOR members, etc. within the area.

6. Have a fund available for special needs of Friends in the area who are not in a meeting which can handle such needs. (Meeting for Sufferings idea, perhaps)

7. Be available for advice or assistance in weddings or funerals conducted after the manner of Friends, especially for smaller meetings without experience in such functions.

Final Note: You don't have to be an official correspondent to send materials to the Lake Erie Bulletin. Any thoughts you would like to share with Friends generally will be welcome!

E.B.

OHIO FRIEND

Like some faint note out of a richer past
The grey attire, the bonnet's graceful curve
Around her face, the world's veneer so thin
That all the beauty of the light within
Is unobscured, unveiled.

In quiet hours of worship, I can feel
Her ministry unspoken on me lie.
For now my shadowed heart cannot but see
How hard is birth from souls espoused to thee,
Oh God, how glib words fail.

Margaret Smith Lacey
(from Pendle Hill Bulletin, No. 158,
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