

## LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

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### WHO WE ARE

A breakdown of the mailing list for the January issue of the Bulletin shows where 263 copies were sent. We thought you might be interested.

Michigan	99 (Ann Arbor-37; Detroit-S; Kalamazoo-10; East Lansing-9; Miscellaneous-35)
Ohio	77 (Cleveland-14; Columbus-12; Delaware-6; Oberlin-S; Yellow Springs-9; Miscellaneous-35)
Pennsylvania	42 (Philadelphia-9; Pittsburgh-32, Misc.-1)
Indiana	22 (Lafayette-15; Miscellaneous-7)
West Virginia	9
Others	10 (Hawaii, Virginia, Illinois, etc.)
Overseas	4 (Turkey, Kenya, Mexico, Great Britain)

Included in the above are several free subscriptions including Friends' organizations, exchanges with other Friends publications, etc.

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### Correction

We regret an inaccuracy in the last issue where we said "The Friends World Committee is no longer free to perform this function of recognizing new Meetings." James Walker helpfully points out that the Committee does perform this function in instances where it feels such action is warranted. He notes that Nashville Monthly Meeting was recently recognized.

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### Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting

May 17, 18 and 19 at Mill Lake Recreation Area near Chelsea, Michigan, is the time for the next Quarterly Meeting.

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As an addition to this issue of the Bulletin, we are issuing copies of the responses sent by Monthly Meetings to the March 16 Representatives Committee Meeting which was held at Columbus, Ohio. Constituent Meetings were well represented and most hospitably received. There was a distinct effort to ameliorate differences yet a definite feeling that there is a division. An item of significance was the way in which the group resolved one problem. If a Yearly Meeting is formed, it was felt there would be a need for one new committee. Its functions were described as having to do with growth and development. Yet it remained unnamed. It is hoped that it can be given a name descriptive of its function if and when it is called into being.

It is proposed that if, as seems likely, a new Yearly Meeting is formed, Lake Erie Association will continue just as it has in the past but with fewer members. Those Meetings not yet ready to effect a change may continue as they are . . . while those that feel ready to form a Yearly Meeting hope to do so in August. Your representatives actively sought new light on old problems.

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We are sorry to report that the Toledo, Ohio, Meeting has gone inactive. It is therefore no longer listed as a constituent Meeting of the Association.

We are glad to report that Kent Friends Meeting at a business session on March 10th expressed a desire to be on the mailing list of Lake Erie Association and to be considered a member of the Association.

The Clerk of the Meeting is Ross Stevenson, 236 East Williams St., Kent, Ohio. Meetings of worship are held at 10 AM on Sunday at the home of Ralph E. Liske, 1195 Fairchild Avenue, Kent.

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### Mitosis

In biology and botany there are different patterns of growth. There is a process known as mitosis in which cells divide to form new cells. Each new cell has the same sort of nucleus and cytoplasm as the original. After the new division there are two where there was only one before. . . something like getting two worms when you cut one in half. To be sure, the new cells (or worms) are not as large as the original but they grow. This form of multiplication by division is called "mitosis." At the moment, Lake Erie Association seems to be in a position where it will undergo a change of this type.

There is another pattern of life called "conjunctive symbiosis." In this process, two dissimilar organisms can live together in close association in a manner which is not harmful to either and which can be helpful to both. This can be illustrated by algae and fungi living in such a manner as to form lichens.

There is another growth pattern called "polyploidy" in which two (or multiples of two) chromosomes in two cells come together to form a new cell larger than the originals.

Let us remember that there are many wonders in God's world. We may understand some; we do not understand all. Yet if we remember to be understanding of one another, to love one another individually and cooperately, we can come to ever greater understanding. "As far as the human mind ascends in love, so far the divine wisdom descends in mercy." St. Maximus.

### A Letter From Lafayette Friends Meeting

It is with regret that we quote from a letter of February 17, 1963 - "At our monthly meeting last Monday evening we discussed the question of our affiliation with Yearly Meeting in some detail. Although we did not press for a decision at that time, one seemed to come naturally. Almost all our families were represented and we wanted to take decision indicated in the following:

After much discussion and numerous expressions of appreciation for our past affiliation with the Lake Erie Association, our Meeting reluctantly decided that because of the distance factor, we should withdraw from the Association. We feel that continued affiliation would have been entirely desirable if distance were not prohibitive of adequate contact with other Meetings in the Association.

Having studied the various possibilities for affiliation with a Friends Yearly Meeting, our Meeting has decided to ask for admittance as a member of the Indiana Yearly Meeting (Friends General Conference).

"This will mean that if accepted by Indiana Yearly Meeting (FGC), we will not be reporting directly to Friends World Committee nor to the Lake Erie Association or Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. It also seems that Jean McCormack will not attend the Representative's Meeting in Columbus on March 16th."

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Minutes of the Representative Committee of Lake Erie Association  
North Columbus Friends Center  
March 16, 1963

The Meeting opened at 3:00 PM with a few minutes of worship.  
Robert Blood served as Clerk.

#### Ad Hoc Committee

Robert Morgan brought the report from the Ad Hoc Committee. This Committee had requested guidance from each constituent Monthly Meeting on its position regarding the formation of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. In the light of the replies received, this Committee recommends that those Meetings which are ready to form a Yearly Meeting do so at the Annual Meeting in August, 1963.

This was approved by the Representative Committee.

Each Monthly Meeting should appoint two representatives to speak on this matter at the Annual Meeting.

The new Yearly Meeting would have a simplified structure, relatively little business and a limited budget. In determining the kind of structure which might be wanted, it was indicated that a process of controlled growth should be emphasized so that committees would be formed only to meet an expressed need.

William Bliss reported that there was some diversity among the members of the Cleveland Meeting regarding their decision on a Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting is not ready to commit itself at this time, however, it would not stand in the way of the formation of a Yearly Meeting. Cleveland Friends Meeting expressed concern that the Yearly Meeting could be too unstructured.

Those Meetings which might form a new Yearly Meeting would want to continue in close fellowship with all the Meetings that presently compose the Association. Meetings not becoming members of the new Yearly Meeting can either remain as members of the Lake Erie Association or become associate members of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, if it is formed.

The Ad Hoc Committee was asked to write letters to all the established Meetings which have not yet made up their minds regarding affiliation, encouraging them to maintain their fellowship with the larger group.

The Committee regretfully reported the Lafayette Meeting's decision to join Indiana Yearly Meeting - General Conference.

The Ad Hoc Committee will be laid down at the Annual Meeting.

#### Agenda For the Annual Meeting

William Johnson raised a question regarding the status of small worship groups that are not Monthly Meetings. The Representative Committee recognized the need to work with these smaller groups to help them become stronger. In anticipation of the need for a committee to perform this function, the Nominating Committee was asked to make preliminary inquiries about people who might suitably serve on such a committee. It was agreed that it should be composed of six people who would serve three-year terms, two of which would expire each year. No name was chosen for such a committee,

In expectation that Friends will approve the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee, it was agreed to invite representatives of the following Friends groups to attend our next Annual Meeting:

Friends World Committee  
Indiana Yearly Meeting (G.C.)  
Ohio Yearly Meeting (Barnesville)  
Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)  
Wilmington Yearly Meeting

These representatives will be asked to share their wisdom and experiences in the life of a Yearly Meeting.

Isabel Bliss will be asked to present a history of the Lake Erie Association.

#### Plans For the Annual Meeting

Henry Carr reported that plans for the Young Friends Group will probably include housing at Plummer House.

Marion Stow reported that plans for the children's program are moving ahead. Volunteer assistants will be welcomed. If interested, write to her at 127 Northhigh Drive, Worthington, Ohio.

#### Future Meeting Places

Robert Blood reported that Indiana and Wilmington Yearly Meetings did not think it feasible to hold concurrent sessions with Lake Erie Association in 1964.

Robert Morgan suggested that members of other Yearly Meetings be invited to join us at the 1964 Annual Meeting. The program would be based on workshops and seminars with some outside speakers. This postpones the possibility of meeting concurrently with Indiana Yearly Meeting until 1966. Because Columbus is centrally located, Friends in that area were asked to explore the possibility for a meeting place in Central Ohio for 1964.

#### Bulletin Report

William Preis indicated that he found it difficult to publish the Bulletin under the present financial arrangements. The Representative Committee decided that the Bulletin should be issued four times a year and that it should cost not more than \$250 per year. This money would be budgeted by the Finance Committee. The Bulletin will be mailed to all member households. This plan will begin in September, 1963 .

#### Finance Committee Report

Victor Ewald presented the proposed simplified budget. The Finance Committee proposed that contributions to all Friends organizations be eliminated from the annual budget. Each Monthly Meeting should be encouraged to correspondingly increase its contributions to these organizations. The Finance Committee was asked to gather information on how much Monthly Meetings are contributing to these organizations. The Committee is also asked to remind the Monthly Meetings to identify themselves as members of the Lake Erie Association when they send their contributions to these organizations.

The following budget was presented for approval.

Bulletin	\$250
Operating Expenses	400
Expenses for two delegates to the triennial meeting of the FWCC to be held in Ireland in 1964	<u>1000</u>
Total	\$1650

Each Monthly Meeting will be encouraged to make at least one half of its payment by January.

It was felt that after 1964 we should pro rate our FWCC delegates' expenses over a three year period rather than collecting the expenses in one year.

### Nominating Committee

Adda Dilts reported that work was progressing in securing officers and committee members. The Committee was charged with finding possible delegates to attend the FWCC Meetings in Ireland. It was stipulated that delegates should not have attended previous triennial FWCC Meetings.

### Boarding School Committee

Sam Prellwitz reported that the Committee will be sending letters to Clerks of Monthly Meetings outlining the needs of the Boarding School at Barnesville. He brought brochures and applications which were distributed

### General

A new form for reporting the State of the Meeting was presented and approved. The meeting closed at 10 P.M. with a few minutes of worship.

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Proposed Program for LEA, Barnesville, Ohio  
Thursday, August 29 to Sunday, September 1, 1963  
(Eastern Standard Time)

Thursday, August 29 -	Saturday, August 31 (cont'd)
4 PM .. Registration Center opens	7 AM .. Breakfast
6 PM .. Dinner (for those who come in time)	8:30 .. Meeting for Worship
7 to 10 .. Registration	9:30 .. General Meeting - Formation of a
7:30 Two Filmstrips -	Yearly Meeting will be proposed
"Friends in Alaska"	(child care provided from 8:30 to noon)
"The Friendly Road"	12 .. Lunch
Friday, August 30 -	1:30 .. Joint Meeting with Ohio Yearly
7 AM .. Breakfast	Meeting. "New Developments in
8:30 .. Meeting for Worship	AFSC Work" by Matt Thomson,
Registration	Regional Director
9:30 .. Three Workshops	(child care provided from 1:30 to 3)
to 1. Religious Education	6 .. Dinner
11:30 2. Ministry & Counsel	7 .. Program by Young Friends
3. Peace & Social Order	8 .. Joint Meeting with Ohio Yearly
(Child care provided from 8 to noon)	Meeting. "Peace" an address by James
12 Lunch	Read, Pres., Wilmington College
1:30 Joint Meeting of LEA Officers &	9:30 .. Square Dancing in Albert Livezey's
Representatives	barn
1:30 .. Two workshops	Sunday, September 1 -
1. Quaker Extension	6 AM .. Assembly on Meeting House Porch for
2. Individual Counseling,	Worship. Discussion & Meditation.
Recreation, Hiking, etc.	7:30 .. Breakfast
6 PM .. Dinner	10 .. Joint Meeting for Worship
7:30 .. Welcoming Hour. Time for	12 .. Dinner
individual expression	1 .. Concluding General Meeting
8:30 .. Joint meeting with Ohio Yearly	Reading of Epistle
Meeting. Speaker to be announced.	2 .. Ohio Yearly Meeting, Meeting for
Saturday, August 31 -	Worship (This is an extension of the
5:30 AM. Nature Walk - Leaders: Louise &	morning Meeting. Those who can are
Virginia Morris	encouraged to attend.)

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting  
Kalamazoo, Michigan February 1-3, 1963

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting decided to become a charter member of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting if and when such a Yearly Meeting is formed. It is tentatively scheduled for this coming August. Green Pastures will lose its peculiar status as the only independent Quarterly Meeting in the world. It will continue, however, to remain affiliated directly with Friends General Conference until such time as Lake Erie Yearly Meeting would join the Conference.

The Quarterly Meeting also culminated years of preparation by approving the establishment of a Detroit Friends School whose Board of Trustees will be appointed by the Quarterly Meeting. The proposed elementary and secondary school is to be located in the inner city so as to conveniently offer the metropolitan area a pioneering experiment in education for children of all races and cultural backgrounds. The initial impetus came from non-Friends who turned to Green Pastures for leadership in establishing a school which will offer the values in the Quaker educational tradition. The Meeting last year appointed a study Committee (chaired by Professor Franklin Wallin of Wayne State University) which was aided in its deliberations by Herbert Nichols' experience on the staff of Wilmington College.

The Quarterly Meeting's tentative budget for next year includes a new appropriation of \$100 for the Friends Lake Community near Ann Arbor. The site has been used by the Junior Quarterly Meeting for summer camping and by the AFSC summer units for weekend outings. Quarterly Meeting support for the Michigan AFSC program next year will rise to \$3600.

Meeting in conjunction with the Quarterly Meeting was the Program and Arrangements Committee for the General Conference of Friends to be held at Traverse City, Mich., June 22-28.

Robert O. Blood, Jr.

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Friends World Committee for Consultation

Quaker Leadership Grants are again available but applications should be sent in by April 1. Applicants must be members of a local Friends Meeting, participating actively and effectively in some aspect of Friends' work. There are two kinds of grants. One is for individual study (though not for academic training) or for some special program to provide stimulus or experience. The other is for a Summer Study Tour which this year will be from June 24 to July 30. It will include three weeks at Pendle Hill and first-hand contact with some Friends' organizations which are national or international in scope.

For further information and application forms write to the Committee at 152A North 15 Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa.

A Calendar of Yearly Meetings is again available at no charge on request to the Friends World Committee which annually publishes the little eight-page aid to Quaker communication. The date and place of each Yearly Meeting or conference of Friends throughout the World is listed. The Calendar is intended to supplement the Handbook of the Religious Society of Friends and

the Friends Directory of Meetings for Worship in the U. S. and Canada. All of the above may be ordered from the above address. Cost of the Directory is 50¢ while the Handbook costs \$1.

Users are reminded that the dates for Canadian Yearly Meeting have been changed to June 14-18, 1963.

#### A RUFUS JONES CENTENARY OBSERVANCE

"Each of us present this evening is a different person because of the life and work of Rufus Jones." With these words Ward Applegate, Chairman of the American Section of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, opened one session of the Section's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. This session was designed to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Rufus H. Jones. A special exhibit of Rufus Jones mementos was arranged at Haverford College, and this session was held in the Haverford Friends Meeting House.

Through reading extracts from letters, which Rufus Jones wrote on or near his birthdays, ranging from 1875 and age twelve to age eighty-five, his daughter, Mary Hoxie Jones, presented the very human qualities of her father. His fiftieth birthday he described as "solid gloom" as he considered his remaining years must be "in sered and yellow leaf." A few years later he described life as a "mad dash from X to Y, two unknown points," and he wondered if he would ever reach the serene life he talked about.

A large part of this "mad dash" was in service to the Society of Friends in America, which called on him for leadership, often to chairmanship, in many of its organizations. Henry J. Cadbury summarized this service, adding that at one point Rufus Jones was almost lost to American Quakerism as he labored in England with John Wilhelm Rowntree as a leader in Friends' Summer Schools and the founding of Woodbrooke.

Speaking of Rufus Jones' relationship with Haverford College where he taught for forty-one years, the present President of that College, Hugh Borton, remembered Rufus as one who insisted that human striving must be for an ever-higher spiritual level. As a Haverford student, High Borton had looked on "Professor" Jones as the supreme possessor of inward peace. While it was surprising to hear of his inner frustration and doubts, it gave strength to know that one who was genuinely human could inspire so many.

Rufus Jones' thinking ranged more widely than is commonly known, and this range is set down by some as inconsistency. He felt an obligation to be optimistic in spite of obstacles. In discussing "The Thought of Rufus Jones" J. Floyd Moore said that Rufus was never content with pure thought; he was a "circulating Friend whose life and words lit candles for many men." On the previous evening members of the American Section listened, along with a large number of other Friends, to Harold Loukes' Rufus H. Jones' Lecture, "Readiness for Religion," which is published as a Pendle Hill Pamphlet (thirty-five cents, Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa.). On Sunday afternoon the American Section closed its meeting with a panel discussion at Pendle Hill, when Harold Loukes, Lawrence Miller and T. Eugene Coffin spoke on the subject, "Our Responsibility for Evangelism and Outreach." While each of these Friends spoke from personal conviction and knowledge, they represented to some degree the viewpoints of London Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, and the Five Years Meeting of Friends, respectively.

Herbert M. Hadley, Secretary

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Report on American Friends Service Committee Annual  
Meeting by Lake Erie Association Representative  
by TERRY EVANS

February 2, 1963

Dear Friends,

This January I had the pleasure of representing you at the Annual Meeting of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia. The theme of the meeting was "Reaching Across Barriers" and three sessions were held on the different topics of: International Walls, Cultural Walls, and Color Walls. If Robert Frost had been there, he would have seen the meaning of his well known poem, "Mending Wall," stretched in a variety of directions.

The meeting was noteworthy for its hard, realistic appraisal of the horns of the dilemma. This tone was set by the first speaker Friday evening, Roland Warren, who has been the Quaker International Affairs Representative in Berlin. He spoke of the mistrust, counter accusations, and skepticism that both sides of the Berlin curtain have for one another. He felt there was a place for the uncommitted party in this situation, but stated that neither of the opposing parties respected "anomaly." When asked by an East German official what he thought of a propagandizing speech delivered by Khrushchev, Warren knew that it was no time to hedge. His frank analysis of Khrushchev's Cold War motives brought forth laughter from the official who himself appreciated a candid opinion. To have done otherwise, said Warren, would have been to lapse into the morass of groundless sentiment.

A similar experience was related Saturday morning by Barbara Graves, returned from a survey trip of AFSC Voluntary International Service Assignments. Concern had been expressed previously that VISA was duplicating services provided by the Peace Corps. Barbara Graves told of one of two volunteers placed in Gandhigram, India. This volunteer, from a farming background, had become upset by the sufferings of a cow which the Indians would not kill because of the reverence their religion gives to the 'sacred cow.' Sensing her uneasiness the Indians asked the volunteer what she would recommend. The volunteer expressed her understanding of the feelings that the Indians had for their cows, but said she thought it was doing the cow a disfavor to allow it to suffer. She recommended putting it to death. The Indians held a meeting without the volunteer present at which they decided to kill the cow. In relating this story and others Barbara Graves spoke of the love which often developed between the recipient community and the volunteer. She felt that VISA differed from the Peace Corps in that the latter places its volunteers according to a specific job to be accomplished whereas VISA seeks to emphasize a cultural and personal exchange. Not to exclude the importance of the Peace Corps, a subsequent speaker told of a number of Quaker families which have members serving in the Corps.

The problems of racial segregation occupied our thoughts Saturday afternoon. The newest AFSC program in this area is the Metropolitan Washington Housing Program. Helen Baker reported that in Washington, which is the only major city in the United States with a majority of Negroes, the lack of housing integration is nullifying other integration gains. Jean Fairfax focused our attention on the segregation problems in the south and spoke of AFSC efforts in "hard core" areas in an effort to avert another tragedy such as that which occurred in Oxford, Mississippi. She quoted a recent speech of Martin Luther King at an integration meeting in Nashville, "We are touching elbows but our hearts are not open." Beth she and Tarrt Bell of the

High Point, North Carolina, office underlined the need of this country to reach beyond "token integration."

Other reports came from project participants of the past year and workers in the field of peace education. Cecil Hinshaw, Peace Education Secretary of the Denver office, was surprised by an invitation to talk on pacifism at the Air Force Academy. Reinhild Cleff, an exchange student from Germany, was impressed that her fellow students at the George School cared to talk on a variety of subjects. On Friday, previous to the Annual Meeting, the AFSC Corporation met to hear the financial report and review the scope of the program. Earl Edwards, the chief fund raiser, expressed misgivings that a minority of Friends give to the AFSC. He asked the area representatives for suggestions.

The Annual Meeting concluded Saturday with a tribute to Rufus Jones and a speech, "Born to Live," by the executive secretary, Colin Bell. Elizabeth Gray Vining in her tribute recalled that in 1943 Rufus Jones was in low spirits, the result of his witness to a world torn asunder by war and destruction. Finally his outlook seemed to improve and, when questioned about the reason for the change, Rufus recollected that he had been puzzling these past years why the serpent, in picture and story, had become the symbol of evil. "I figured it out," said Rufus, "It's because he doesn't have a leg to stand on."

Thank you friends for your faith in me as your representative to the Annual Meeting. May the walls that divide us come tumbling down.

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Report on the Annual Meeting of the General Committee  
of the Friends Committee on National Legislation  
by JOAN LIND

The Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the F.C.N.L. was held the week end of January 18-20. Friday night was devoted to discussion of the Preamble of the "FCNL Statement of Legislative Policy." Elton Trueblood's concern for the distinction between "what Quakers are willing to do and suffer in their own lives and what they counsel for others who begin with different premises" was discussed at length.

Saturday morning was devoted to discussion of the major areas of emphasis\*.

It was pointed out that the policy statement limits and protects the staff. It also makes immediate action possible during the year.

Representatives from Northern California suggested that the Policy not be reworked for 1964, to appear in three parts:

- I. a permanent section -- an affirmation of goals
- II. a semi-permanent section, requiring only minor revision each year
- III. legislative goals for the immediate future.

The Meeting requested Northern California to present this revised form next year.

Four ideas were suggested as appropriate for further study: Health, education and welfare (with a new suggestion that study of obscenity be included here); Economic Life and economic growth (with a suggestion that the social and organizational changes resulting from the advance of automation be studied); Natural resources; Agriculture.

Saturday afternoon two men from the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency spoke for the General Meeting: Mr. Wilrich, and Mr. Stuart McIntyre. Some Friends were disappointed in the uninspired bureaucratic approach to so important a problem as disarmament and peace. Byron Johnson, of AID, attended and commented that "Communists have charged that economic welfare of the U. S. depends on arms production, but that economic studies prove that this is not so -- that peace and economic conversion would be healthy for our country." He added that "disarmament is not just to prevent accidental war, but is the true route to national security."

Sunday morning was devoted to Meeting for Worship and to a discussion of Priorities for 1963.

Chief Priorities:

1. Disarmament Agency (including test ban)
2. U. N.
3. End the draft

Contingent priorities:

1. Civil defense
2. Improved contact with Communist countries
3. Peaceful settlement of disputes

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  1. American Foreign Policy and Militarism
  2. Meeting Human Needs
  3. World Disarmament and World Law
  4. Supporting and Improving the United Nations
  5. Preserving Civil Liberties
  6. Advancing Civil Rights
  7. The American Indian
  8. Farm Labor
  9. Moral Standards
  10. Immigration and Naturalization Policy
  11. Areas of Concern for Study

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NEWS FROM LEA MEETINGS

Ann Arbor, Mich. The Meeting has undertaken a tutorial program which is to help the children in public schools who come from culturally deprived homes. It has been providing a place to study for students who have motivation but do not have a suitable environment or adequate books at home. University education majors have been doing the tutoring. The Ministerial Association has been asked to provide more help. For more information write to Fran Eliot, 1027 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor.

Margery Sherman would like to establish a meal delivery service to older people and has asked about using the Meeting house kitchen. Another concern of Margery's is to let people know the kinds of service they might perform for people leaving the hospital. To this end she would like to arrange a talk by a psychiatric social worker from Ypsilanti Hospital. Margery Sherman can be reached in care of the Meeting house - 1420 Hill Street.

Friends Lake Community is organizing literature to make more people aware of the facilities and opportunities provided at the Lake. A mailing piece will go to each subscriber to the Bulletin.

The Meeting is actively engaged in promoting the adoption of a Fair Housing Ordinance by the City of Ann Arbor. Pete Forsythe drafted a new preamble to the bill which reads in part "Ann Arbor Friends Meeting wishes to emphasize that human rights are a part of, indeed the most important part of, a complete concept of property rights. Property by its inert nature, can have no rights. It is the human who owns or controls the property that has the rights.... Society has long recognized that a human's rights to his property are not absolute. Zoning, fire, safety, health and nuisance laws all are accepted as necessary restrictions on a human's property rights. ... A full use of the term "property rights," and a genuine desire for the protection of them will encompass the human's rights of purchase, use and enjoyment of property as well as his rights upon sale. We must not emphasize the rights disposition and neglect the rights of acquisition and enjoyment.

Charleston, W. Va. The Charleston Worship Group is composed of six families numbering in all some twenty persons. They are interested in establishing connection with a not-too-distant Meeting so that they might become a recognized Preparative Meeting. The question of Association or Yearly Meeting holds mainly an academic problem for this group. They have discussed the matter but feel they do not have much to add to the discussion. They feel that they would like to maintain closer contact with Lake Erie Meetings than has been the case up to the present. To this end, they would welcome the interest of the nearest Meetings.

Columbus (North), Ohio. A Young Friends Group has been formed with Tom and Margery Corrigan as advisers. Fourteen students attended a recent meeting. They are to meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

The Meeting is pleased to announce the following births:

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| CHANG     | - On November 13, 1962, in Columbus, Ohio, a son, Hugh, to Margaret and William Chang. Hugh's Chinese name is Nai-Hun; his sister, Helen's, is Nai-Yee. |
| Blackburn | - On January 30, 1963, in Washington, D. C., a daughter, Alice Ruth to Doris and William Blackburn III.   |

In the March Newsletter, there was an excerpt from R. L. Heilbroner's "The Great Ascent" which we feel you would want to know about even if we shorten it. The title of the excerpt is "What It's Like To Be Underdeveloped."

How can we understand the problems of "underdeveloped" people if we don't understand how they live? It's not easy to make this mental jump. Let's attempt it by imagining that we belong to

a typical American family of four with an annual income of about \$6000 and we become an equally typical "underdeveloped" family of six with an annual income of about \$400.

First we take the furniture out of our home. Everything goes: beds, chairs, tables, lamps, chests, bureaus. Leave a few old blankets, a kitchen table and one wooden chair. For clothing each person may keep his oldest suit of dress plus a shirt or blouse. The head of the family keeps a pair of shoes but there are none for the wife or children. (It is warmer where we are moving.) Next shut off the water, electricity and telephone. Now we turn to emptying the kitchen supplies. We can keep a box of matches, a small bag of flour, some dried beans, and handful of onions, some sugar and salt. All the rest must go . . . the canned goods, the meat and vegetables, the crackers. While we are putting these things outside, we might bring back some moldy potatoes that had been thrown out earlier. But there will be almost enough to eat. The human body requires about 2300 calories a day. Our average will be between 2000 and 2100. Like any insufficiently fueled machine, our bodies will run down. Life expectancy will therefore be shorter.

Now let's move our things out of the house to a toolshed -- a garage would be too big. We may find it a little crowded here even for family of four but much better than the situation which many face where the building may be made from odds and ends and might be leaky.

We've just made a beginning.

All the other houses in the neighborhood must be removed, our neighbors all live like we do -- in a shantytown. Not all people have it this GOOD; in Calcutta alone it is estimated that 250,000 people literally live in the streets. Communications go next. No more newspapers, magazines or books. We won't miss them much because we have become illiterate. As a source of news and entertainment, shantytown has one radio -- and that's fairly generous. Government no longer provides postmen or firemen. There's a school about three miles away which has two classrooms. It's not overcrowded since the fortunate children are the ones who are employed. Perhaps the fortunate few will have a simple task which can be done at home so they can earn a little money -- not for pocket money but to supplement the family income. And if they can't find work? They can scavenge. This why tourists often find so many young children in the streets of "underdeveloped" countries.

There are no hospitals or doctors nearby. The nearest clinic is ten miles away and is in charge of a midwife. One can go by bus, not always inside, but there is usually room on top. If you are sick, you may not want to go even if you can afford it.

This brings us to the question of money. We can allow the family a cash hoard of \$10. The head of our family may possibly be a farmer with three acres to cultivate on a tenant basis. A third of his crop will go to the landlord and perhaps more to the money-lender.

Now we face life as so many at the bottom of the heap see it. When we are told that half the world's population goes to be hungry, that's what the figure means.

Lexington, Ky. Joseph Engelberg reports that the Meeting is putting all its energies and resources into initiating various programs in the community and strengthening itself. It hopes to

formalize its relationship with the larger bodies of Friends when it has become larger and stronger.

Oberlin, Ohio. Student attenders of the Meeting have participated in a work camp in Fayette County, Tennessee; have attended a retreat at Pendle Hill and have worked with the Peace Action Center in Washington, D. C.

Shansi Fellowships involve teaching in India for two years, followed by a year's graduate study at Oberlin. Again this year, a Meeting attender has been awarded one of the Shansi Fellowships. Two former winners are now on campus doing graduate study and another will return from India this fall. All three have been regular attenders of the Meeting.

Pre-Meeting discussions have covered a variety of subjects but are now centered around the Queries. An experiment with group singing of hymns from "A Hymnal for Friends" following Meeting for Worship is now under way. Increased interest in the Meeting library has resulted from a Free Grant of books to the Meeting from the Philadelphia Books and Publications Committee.

In support of the AFSC Algerian program, student attenders collected and boxed a large amount of clothing in December. Children of the Meeting collected and pasted trading stamps which will be exchanged for blankets.

A group of concerned Friends of the Meeting have formed a Korean Committee in response to the Seoul Meetings' need for a meeting-residence. The Committee hopes to have LEA take up this concern at its August Meeting. To this end the Committee members hope to take this concern to various Meetings and gatherings in the Midwest.

Inquiries may be sent to the Korean Committee, c/o Margaret Utterback, 344 Morgan Street, Oberlin, Ohio

Pittsburgh, Pa. The Committee on Peace and Social Action is concerned to separate the care of neglected or dependent children from care provided for delinquent children by the Juvenile Court. The Meeting is advocating the establishment of a separate County Child Welfare Service to provide the former.

A regular feature of the Pittsburgh Newsletter is entitled "What Do We Know . . . About Each Other's Family Interests?" Not restricted to families, this is a collection of single paragraphs which attenders or members write about themselves. They tell of work, hobbies, visits, hopes, thoughts of the past and plans for the future. It seems a wonderful way to let people know more about one another especially about the polite listeners who seldom speak of their own activities.

There is a note in the Newsletter about buying copies of "Faith and Practice" to give to APPLICANTS for membership. This seems to us appropriate and timely. Our experience is that it is given after an applicant has been accepted.

Gerry and Nancy Brown left Pittsburgh in late January for Saginaw, Michigan, where Gerry will have a four-month "Internship" as assistant to the City Manager.

June 2, is the date chosen for the Annual picnic.

Wooster Friends Meeting. On February 3 we were happy to have the Regional Intervisitation Committee join us for Sunday School, Meeting for Worship, and lunch.

Four students from our Meeting participated in the weekend workcamp held in Cleveland in February.

Marilyn Kirk, daughter of Robert and Lillian Kirk, wrote a play, "Coal Oil Johnny," with parts for each Sunday School child. The children rehearsed, got together costumes and properties, and gave the play for the Meeting. Proceeds from the benefit performance went for bread for the Algerian children. The money contributions were dropped in a round, brown container which resembled a loaf of Algerian bread.

The Sunday morning adult and student discussion group is using Eric Fromm's, The Art of Loving as a basis for thought.

The Meeting has been following with interest HB 308, the Fair Housing Bill, in the Ohio legislature. Members have been working for its passage. Anyone interested in up-to-the-minute information on this bill should contact the Ohio Committee for Civil Rights Legislation, 9293 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

The Kriebels plan to be in Sweden next Fall. Robert Kirk, 145 East Center Street, Smithville, Ohio, will be serving as Clerk.

Yellow Springs, Ohio. A Square Dance once a month on a Friday evening at the Dayton State (Mental) Hospital is sponsored by the Meeting. Participants report that it is a very happy project for all participants. There is also an Institutional Service Unit sponsored by the Meeting primarily for high school and college students. They live, work and play at the same hospital from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday May 12th, the Meeting will be host to Miami Quarterly Meeting. All who may be interested are cordially invited to attend worship at 11 AM and to stay for lunch and the afternoon business session.

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Jerome Davis, D.D. has asked that we announce the organization of two non-profit Peace Seminars next summer. One will go to Greece, Israel and Africa with Karl Baehr as leader. The other will go to England, France, Denmark, Russia and Turkestan under Jerome Davis. The groups will be meeting with peace workers and Government leaders in each country. There will also be conferences with the common people. Cost will be in the neighborhood of \$1400 . . . . departure date for both trips from New York City has been set for July 8th. Duration is five weeks.

Jerome Davis holds a Doctor of Divinity and an honorary degree from Oberlin College. One of our members who knows him says "His summer trips are really great . . . . he speaks Russian . . .

. he was a correspondent in Moscow during World War II. If interested in either of these seminars, you can write to Jerome Davis at 489 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

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ADDITION TO LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION BULLETIN  
April 5, 1963

ANN ARBOR We have observed the change that has occurred in the organizational structure of the Lake Erie Association over the last decade. Gradually the Association has assumed the functions of a Yearly Meeting; an annual budget, a modest complement of standing committees, the publication of a bulletin, the exchange of epistles, and all other usual and important activities that require the financial and spiritual support that only an adequate organization can give.

We have seriously considered the formation of a Yearly Meeting in several recent Monthly Meetings; in one especially called for the purpose, and in small groups that have met last year in the homes of the members. We have approved that the "Lake Erie Association should take whatever steps necessary to become a Yearly Meeting at the 1963 annual session of the Association," as recommended by the Ad Hoc Com.

As a Monthly Meeting our only reservation lies in consideration of the additional financial commitment that may be required to meet the growing needs of the newly formed Yearly Meeting. Our reservation is prompted by a recognition of our Meetings commitments and our desire not to extend them beyond our capacity.

WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, that in consideration of these limitations that Ann Arbor Meeting be included as one of the Charter Members of the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. We would hope this action would be taken in unity with other members of the Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting. We recommend also that the current level of the Lake Erie Association budget be maintained for the next several years until the Ann Arbor Meeting has been able to discharge some of its more pressing commitments. We feel certain that other Meetings in the Association may appreciate a period of controlled growth in which financial adjustments can be planned. Because our Meeting experiences some difficulty in finding sufficient numbers of persons to carry the organizational responsibilities of the Meeting, we recommend further that the size of the organizational structure of the new Yearly Meeting be limited during this same initial period of growth and adjustment.

The Meeting feels, notwithstanding these limitations, that this action will strengthen and regularize the organizational structure of the Lake Erie Association in the direction that other Friend's organizations including the World Committee, our original sponsor, have so long urged us to take. But more importantly; the nurture and recognition of new Meetings will be more effectively carried out; that the formation of a new Yearly Meeting is a step toward greater unity among Friends in this region; and that a Yearly Meeting will provide a channel through which the activities and the voice of its constituent Meetings will be more readily recognized.



CLEVELAND The last heavy snowstorm caused us to cancel our Monthly Meeting on third Month 1st. Today (March 10) we had a special Meeting to consider the question of Yearly Meeting status. There was no unity of feeling that we should go ahead with this step at this time. As soon as the Recording Clerk sends me a copy of the Minutes of our Meeting today, I will send you a copy of the Minutes - but this will inform you of our situation . . . I felt that some Friends felt that the Ad Hoc Committee (or rather some members of it) were determined to push the Meeting into a step for which it was not ready. Friends often move slowly, as you know, and do not take important steps when there is obviously a lack of unity.

COLUMBUS, NORTH Members felt that sufficient time had been given to consideration of the subject for North Columbus Friends Meeting to recommend to the Executive Committee of LEA the formation of a Yearly Meeting.

We recommend that the organization be a simple structure of committees and report sufficient to meet the needs of the constituent Meetings. We desire that the function of the Continuing Committee be maintained to provide the opportunity to share common concerns and strengthen ties with all Friends in the area with local Friends Meetings and Yearly Meetings.

DELAWARE Delaware would like to become a Monthly Meeting as part of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. We investigated last spring the possibility of our becoming a Preparative Meeting under the care of North Columbus. However, since they are in turn under the Friends World Committee and some members of their Meeting were not clear in their desire to become part of the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, we did not take this step. We understand that if Lake Erie becomes a Yearly Meeting, Delaware could then minute itself as a Monthly Meeting and become part of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting.

DETROIT The Detroit Friends Meeting approves the creation of a Yearly Meeting in the Lake Erie Association. We wish to join Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting in membership in the proposed Yearly Meeting. We urge deep and prayerful seeking of the Lake Erie Association for spiritual guidance for the welfare of the proposed Yearly Meeting.

I might remark that many in our Meeting do not have any strong opinion on this matter. Some who are most familiar with this matter seem to feel that longer consideration might be given to the form the proposed Yearly Meeting should take and to our Meeting's place in it. Some are definitely in favor of a LEYM.

EAST LANSING It is the sense of our Meeting that a Lake Erie Yearly Meeting should be formed from the Association, and that our Meeting should join this Yearly Meeting. We will try to give such a Yearly Meeting more financial support than we have given the L.E.A., but we cannot do much until we grow in numbers.

KALAMAZOO Kalamazoo Meeting reaffirms the minutes adopted in November, 1961, (see copy taken from L.E.A. Bulletin, April, 1962) and finds itself in accord with the action taken by Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting at its Midwinter Conference, February 2, 1963.

OBERLIN We must have a full understanding of the structure and obligations of the proposed Yearly Meeting before we can commit ourselves.

1. Will the structure of a Yearly Meeting necessitate further structuring of Monthly Meetings into Quarterly Meetings?

2. What will be the nature of our financial obligations? Will resident adult members be considered the only regular contributors? Will all listed adult members be considered responsible for contribution? Would it be possible to leave matters of finance and contribution completely with the constituent member Meetings?

3. What would be expected of us in respect to attendance? Could a Yearly Meeting delegate be any active attender who happens to be free, or must it be an official member?

The Meeting is in full agreement with the proposed simplified structure as outlined in the Lake Erie Association Bulletin. We feel that the Yearly Meeting should address itself primarily to the important area of Quaker unity, affiliation, and spiritual growth. We have appreciated the contact with the Inter-visitation Committee, and feel that such efforts have great mutual benefit. In general, we would like to be able to contribute to the unity and spiritual growth of Friends in this area, and feel that the Yearly Meeting could do much in this respect.

PAINESVILLE The sense of those present was that, as in the case of requests for financial support and representation on the Representative Committee of the Lake Erie Association, we feel it appropriate that this Meeting be represented on this question through the Cleveland Meeting, of which we are a part.

PITTSBURGH The Pittsburgh Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is in unity on its readiness to become a Monthly Meeting under what may become Lake Erie Yearly Meeting under the conditions for a simplified structure as described on page 2 of the Lake Erie Association Bulletin for January 21, 1963.

YELLOW SPRINGS The Meeting expressed approval of Lake Erie Association's becoming a Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting was also appreciative of the hope that such a Yearly Meeting will nurture the spiritual life of Friends and minimize business affairs.

There was not unity as to whether the Yellow Springs Meeting should join the proposed Yearly Meeting. Many members of the Meeting have appreciated and been strengthened by their warm fellowship with the Lake Erie Association. We find ourselves in a dilemma. We treasure our relationship with the Lake Erie Association and yet we are unable to carry our responsibilities adequately in Indiana Yearly Meeting. The Meeting is not clear at this time as to what its future relationship to the proposed Yearly Meeting should be.