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1963 Summer Calendar of Friends Activities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin

June 22-29	Traverse City Michigan	General Conference of Friends Headquarters: Traverse Heights Elementary School
June 29-July 6	Quaker Knoll (near Wilmington, Ohio)	High School World Affairs Camp (for 16 year-olds and older) Theme: Adventures in World Understanding
July 19-25	Earlham Campus Richmond, Indiana	Five Years Meeting of Friends
August 2-4	Camp Warren, Michigan near McNabb, Illinois	AFSC Weekend Family Camp
August 14-18	Wilmington, Ohio	Illinois Yearly Meeting
August 15-18	Hassmer Hill	Wilmington Yearly Meeting
August 19-26	Versailles, Indiana	AFSC Family Camp
August 22-25	Pendleton, Indiana	Indiana Yearly Meeting
August 30- Sept. 1	Barnesville, Ohio	Lake Erie Association - Annual Meeting

J. Barnard Walton is a name known far and wide through Friendly circles. His travels were largely confined to the United States. His phenomenal memory and his love of people made him welcome in every state of the Union.

His first job after leaving college was with the Society of Friends in New York State. His last job in life was also with Friends; using his powers of love and affection to weld the Quaker family into a solid, useful unit.

Born into a Quaker family of some note, he devoted his life to meeting Quakers, urging people to use him as a sounding board in order to strengthen and clarify their ideas. Ever ready to help in any worthwhile project, he often took part in physical work as well as armchair discussions. He felt that some of his best discussions were held while he joined others in common labor.

Not many who knew him realized that as a young man he was shy and retiring. But he would not allow himself to remain that way. People saw him as a happy extrovert, ever mindful of others'

abilities and quiet about his own. He seldom talked about himself, his problems, his crosses. He encouraged others to talk.

One of the outstanding handicaps which he overcame was physical injury suffered in an automobile accident while on business for a Friends' group. As a result of this accident, he was told that the injury to his legs was so severe that he would never walk again. He not only walked again, he hiked. He had extreme circulatory troubles but he seldom let anyone but his doctor know it.

He had special fondness for and appeal to children. One parent tells the story of how "Uncle Nard" played hide and seek with his children in the basement of their home - when he was three score and ten.

He never seemed to grow old though his face became lined and his hair turned white. Perhaps it was this youthful quality he had - the ready smile of good will and his apparent health which gave him something of a timeless quality. Somehow his death came as a great shock and surprise to many people. They felt that, like time, Barnard Walton would go on forever. And he will too - --- as long as there are people who were touched by his magical life.

Friends World Committee

Friends World Committee Youth Pilgrimage 1963 will get underway as the American group of 14 high school students leaves by air from New York July 18th. In the group from our area are Anna Jean Hadley, Clarksville, Ohio; Paul Hardin; Plainfield, Ind.; Caroline Kerman, Ann Arbor, Mich. There are two students from Pennsylvania and one each from Oregon, Washington, California, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, Louisiana. And there is one student from Argentina, British Columbia and another from Hector's River, Jamaica to make it more than a national group.

They will join a like number (14) of students in Great Britain. After a trip to the Quaker historical sites, they will go to County Armagh for a workcamp. They are due to return to the U.S. August 24th.

Area Meeting

Friends from Columbus, Delaware, Granville and Charleston, West Virginia, met at Camp Mary Orton, near Worthington, Ohio, Saturday, May 11. We were especially happy that the Howard McKinney family from Charleston were with us. After a fruitful Meeting for Worship, our discussion took off from the topic "Questioning The Religious Basis of Our Social Concerns." We have been meeting frequently for several years and have decided to schedule regular meetings three times a year. Our next Meeting is planned for October 12th at Camp Mary Orton. Esther Ewald is Convener and secretary.

The Peace Research Institute
1329 18 Street, N. W.

Washington 6, D. C.

(From Friends Journal April 15, 1963)

Established in April, 1961, "as a private agency outside government to undertake and stimulate research in all fields relevant to peace, security, disarmament and international order." The Institute believes that if the peace movement hopes to have a real impact on government policy and tactics it must develop in detail alternative approaches "sophisticated" enough to compete with prevailing government attitudes and must be prepared to suggest alternative positions to the government's policy-planning facilities before (and not after) a crisis occurs. Donald Michael, the Institute's director of planning and program, points out that "without substantial support of peace research and the application of its findings, the peace-action community cannot expect to make its proper contribution to the search for a more sensible world." The institute staff hopes that Friends peace groups (and others) will avail themselves of its facilities.

The Council for Correspondence NEWSLETTER

This is a relatively new publication published by the Council for Correspondence, Inc. at Emerson Hall, 324, Harvard University, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts. Issued monthly, the Newsletter is in the tradition of the American Revolutionary Committees of Correspondence. The editorial board consists of David Riesman, H. Stuart Hughes and A. J. Muste. Roger Hagan is the editor. The format until this year was individual pages duplicated. It is now issued in printed form and mailed out under postal permit. The content of the magazine (as it now is) seems to be a cross between articles of serious thought and opinion by university faculty and a few others and articles in the nature of treatises or theses by various people associated in one way or another with social research. The articles in general are technical, factua, have copious notes as to sources.

The interesting feature of the Newsletter is that it is based on a desire to help avoid the catastrophe of war. The March issue said there would be regular monthly reports from the Peace Research Institute (PRI). The first appeared in the April issue and concerned a discussion of chemical and biological warfare. The conclusion is that although we know a fair amount concerning what some of these "weapons" are, there is very little literature concerning chemical and bacteriological (CB) agents in relation to arms control and disarmament. It is stated that military strategists assert that CB weapons can never become part of an arms control or disarmament treaty and that we must know more about them before they become an issue. Trying to find the PRI article in the May issue proved a failure either there wasn't one or else it was disguised. But an article in the May issue concerning American strategy and the Soviet Military which ran to 16 pages had over 2 pages of footnotes. The going is extremely heavy, sometimes revealing, sometimes interesting but often overpowering in its technicalities. It's not a magazine to read before retiring. But then neither is Erich Fromm.

The objectives of this magazine are consistent with the objectives of Friends' peace testimony. But it approaches the subject from a very different point of view and by an entirely different group of people. The subject is approached from an academic rather than a spiritual base. A subscription to the Newsletter is \$6. Should your Meeting subscribe?

News From Local Meetings

Ann Arbor, Michigan. Christopher Fox Nicholson was born to Sam and Peg Nicholson on April 3, 1963, in Simotsuma, Japan. From the AFSC Michigan Area report:

"A few steps are taken to the tremendous job of building faith in the power of love, of turning human patterns from violence and of erecting a framework of justice big enough to hold all the world's people. If there are others wishing to join in any part of this work, the Michigan Area office would be glad to hear from them." The Meeting is in the position of an interested onlooker of the tutorial program described in the April LEA Bulletin but is not yet an official sponsor.

Charleston, West Virginia. We are happy to note that Volume I, Number 1 of the Charleston Friends Meeting Newsletter was issued May 8th. We wish it success. A news item tells us that Harold E. Walker, Jr. , was born to Harold and Sylvia Walker on April 4th, 1963 and began attending Meeting when he was ten days old. Terance Michael Kampe was born May 2nd but nothing was said about his attending Meeting. He was only five days old when the Newsletter was issued. One hundred pounds of felt donated by the West Virginia Paper and Pulp Company was made into ten burnouses and eight blankets. Together with other clothing this Meeting has sent over 300 pounds of clothing to the AFSC in Philadelphia.

Cincinnati, Ohio. Virgie Hortenstine has been extremely active and devoted to the cause of sharecroppers evicted from their "rented" homes largely because they registered to vote. The evictions are being carried out with minimum publicity so that even the families involved often do not realize what is happening until they are told to move. First they are told that they are no longer needed for farm work. They go on relief and get occasional day labor until some time when the owner of the cottage tells them they must move. That is the time of crisis for each family individually. Where will they go? Many have gone to live in Tent City, set up two years ago when 700 families were suddenly given notice to move. Others go to add to the unemployment problems of the large cities.

Two great problems are faced by those trying to help. The most pressing need, perhaps, is for money. Students working at a 1962 workcamp witnessed the tragic visit of a newly-evicted sharecropper who came to the Original Fayette County Civic and Welfare League to report that he had not only been evicted but that the landlord had taken the entire cotton crop, although the landlord had not furnished him the customary monthly payments for food during the spring and summer. In his hand the sharecropper had an official-looking paper which League members recognized as concocted by the White Citizens' Council to help their members make it appear that the landlord's action was legally endorsed. Such incidents occur despite injunctions issued in some cases by the U.S. District Court. The second problem is skilled labor to make the most out of the limited materials available for building. A few people have helped from our area - students from Oberlin and Western College for Women went to work camps - Jerry Demote of the Dayton AFSC office - Lloyd Danzeisen from Brookville, Ohio, are some of the ones who might be mentioned. David Brown, who taught school at Doylestown, Pa., went to a workcamp, saw the great need, went back to Doylestown to resign his job and get his belongings and has moved to Somerville, Tenn. He is 24 years old, unmarried. Art Emery came to a workcamp from Iowa. He too was greatly impressed with the job that needed doing. He has moved his family from Iowa and is helping to get contracts for raising vegetables and forming a producers' cooperative.

Virgie has explained the need to several groups and in return they have given support in various ways. The Miami Quarterly Meeting (of Indiana Yearly Meeting) joined the Race Relations Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in becoming sponsors of Virgie Hortenstine's work. Further information can be had by writing to her at 5541 Hanley Road, Cincinnati 3, Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio. On April 13, the Saturday before Easter, the North Columbus Friends Meeting joined with the Central Ohio Comm. for a Sane Nuclear Policy, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Ohio Valley Student Peace Union, the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, Women for Peace and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in sponsoring a vigil and walk for peace. The vigil ran from 9 AM to 3:30 PM on the West Steps of the State House. Those taking part in the walk started at 1 PM from the west edge of downtown. and after a walk through the business district joined those at the vigil. This was the second successive year in which such a demonstration was held. By cooperating with the Police Department and by obtaining permission in advance for the use of the steps of the State House, there was no disorder. Four page, 5 1/2 x 8 pamphlets were distributed which gave the reasons for the walk and vigil and urging recipients to write their Senators and Representative.

The Meeting wishes to report that a son, Nicholas, was born to David and Niki Jordan and a daughter, Cynthia Lorraine, to Phyllis and Wilson Head.

Detroit, Michigan. Three years ago the first proposals were made for a Friends School in Detroit. From the outset, the possibility of establishing the school has depended on the willingness of non-Friends to provide financial support; support for a building, for a scholarship program and for initial operating losses.

The steadfast conviction that an independent Friends School would make a unique and necessary contribution to the vital needs of the city has made us confident that financial support would be provided. The Detroit Great Cities Improvement Project of the Detroit Board of Education and many public and private agencies deeply interested in solving some of the problems of the inner city believe that a Friends School in Detroit can demonstrate the effectiveness of education in preserving the cultural community within the inner city. It is paradoxically but terribly true that a city, once the intellectual center of a wide area, has frequently developed a blackboard jungle of explosive divisions in its very heart. Friends and their friends in Detroit believe that Quaker experience in education and in creating community combine an opportunity to make an especially needed contribution to a critical challenge for education that Detroit shares with many other urban areas. It is hoped that this single school with a few hundred day students might make a unique contribution by bringing the cutting edges of faith and practice to the heart of the problem of equal opportunity and by building a community of understanding in place of anonymous conflict. The school is to be located in the cultural center area which already contains a wide diversity of depressed and redeveloped housing. It is centrally located for people living on the frontiers of changing neighborhoods as well as those areas still segregated or already resegregated. A significant scholarship program and active recruitment to find pupils with proven academic achievement will insure a student body as diverse as the metropolitan area. It is anticipated that the school will grow from a few elementary grades in its first years to a complete primary and secondary school perhaps as soon as five years after the first classes are enrolled.

From the beginning it has been clear that the school must be firmly rooted in the religious faith of the Society of Friends. To help assure this, we are seeking a headmaster who has demonstrated his ability to make this belief and experience the vital center of the school's life. The Board of Trustees of the Friends School in Detroit and the school itself is directly under the care of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting which appoints the nine-member Board, a majority of whom must be members of the Society of Friends.

The first Board was named on May 18, 1963. Those appointed were: John Bartholomew, a member of Upper Evesham Monthly Meeting, former Clerk of Detroit Friends Meeting, Director of the Sophie Wright Settlement. Recent service on the Highland Park Board of Education indicates his concern for education.

Richard Cross is an outstanding leader in Detroit's civic life. His skill as an attorney and business leader have led to his membership on the board of directors of several corporations and presently the chairmanship of the Board of Directors of American Motors Corporation. His deep interest in human relations and education is directly expressed by his Chairmanship of the Detroit Commission on Community Relations and by his membership on the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Detroit Board of Education.

Patricia Murphy Frank's concern for her daughter's education while living in the inner city stimulated her interest in Friends education. She is President of the Patricia Murphy Company and has been active in newspaper, civic and advertising work in California, Washington, and New York.

Clarence Hilberry is President of Wayne State University. Responsible for its dramatic growth and contribution to the intellectual life of Detroit, his knowledge of urban cultural development, combined with his rich experience in education and administration, support his commitment to the Friends School in Detroit.

Lee Kleiss is a member of Ann Arbor Monthly Meeting. Her experience in schools in India, Africa, and South America shows the breadth of her concern for service to others. She is a professor in the natural science program of Monteith College at Wayne State University.

Wade McCree's appointment as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan is recognition of his ability as a jurist. As a Trustee of Fisk University and member of the Steering Committee of the United Negro College Fund and member of several boards of community health and welfare agencies, he has shown his concern for the challenge that the Friends School in Detroit is meeting.

Conner Ligon Mills is a birthright Friend and member of Ann Arbor Monthly Meeting who has a continuing interest in Friends education. She graduated from Westtown and Bryn Mawr and two of her five children have attended Westtown School. She is an active leader of the Detroit workshop of American Friends Service Committee and has given generously of her time and home to International Student Seminars.

Herbert Nichols has had long association with Friends education since attending Friends Seminary. He graduated from Wilmington College and served as Director of Development of the College. His service on committees of the American Friends Service Committee and Friends

World Committee as well as being clerk of Ann Arbor Monthly Meeting are evidence of the confidence Friends have placed in his judgment. His experience and study of higher educational administration particularly in the function of fund raising and the responsibilities of trustees is a great resource to the Board of the Friends School.

Max Pincus is Executive Vice-president of Hughes, Hatcher and Suffrin clothing stores and has agreed to ex-officio service on the Board of Trustees as Chairman of the Development Council. His knowledge of Friends schools began with his youth in Abington, Pennsylvania. His concern for community relations is evidenced by his civic activities including the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council. His fund raising experience for United Community Services is testimony to the kind of commitment and talent he brings to the Friends School in Detroit.

Franklin Wallin, a member of Detroit Friends Meeting and graduate of George School, brings a deep concern for the relation of education to community relations. He has served on the Human Relations Council of Highland Park and various school and community committees concerned with the dynamics of changing urban areas. He is a professor of History at Wayne State University.

The Friends School in Detroit is fortunate indeed to be able to use the rich diversity of talents combined with the sharp focus of concern that these people have to apply to the creation of the school.

Oberlin, Ohio. Each year the military forces send a representative to the Oberlin High School to talk about the opportunities offered by the Armed Services. They never talk about alternatives. This year, David Elkington of the Oberlin Meeting, was given "equal time" to present "The Language of Faces" and "Alternatives" and to talk to some of the high school students.

Interest in the Korean connection continues high. Two Oberlin students expect to visit Seoul during the next year. Terry MacDougall will teach English in Japan in 1963-64. He hopes to visit Seoul Meeting next year. Sally Abbott is going to Korea with the American Red Cross and hopes to attend Seoul Monthly Meeting whenever possible. The Koream Committee has issued mimeographed copies of several letters of appreciation received from the Seoul Meeting for the plans and interest of the Committee. Those interested in learning more about this project can meet together at Traverse City on June 25th when up-to-date news will be shared.

The Meeting reports that it sent 1 1/3 tons of used clothing to the AFSC warehouse in Philadelphia during the past year for use overseas.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Sam Prellwitz, Chairman of the Friends Boarding School Committee, reports that Thomas Brown will be the new principal of the school next fall. Bill Taber, who has been principal of the school at Barnesville for the past two years, will leave to study at Earlham College for his Master's degree in education.

Setting aside visiting hours (with afternoon tea) at the homes of several members concurrently is a new idea now being tried to increase the fellowship of members outside of meetings for

worship and business. On May 5th, from 2 until 5 PM, seven homes on the north side were open to receive visits from Friends and attenders. The same thing was done on the south side previously. In addition some families have been visiting other Meetings in the area. "Some of us wonder how even more 'meetings' can be managed, nevertheless group fellowship can only be attained by being together. If Sunday morning meetings do not seem to be enough, we must make other opportunities. Those who really feel the need will take the time."

Youth Programs have benefited from a full time secretary plus a helper during the fall. There were nine high school-college workcamps up to April with more planned. There were five high school and three college seminars which involved students from twenty-four high schools and eleven colleges.

Yellow Springs, Ohio. The meeting has been having a potluck supper before each business meeting at the home of a member living adjacent to the Antioch campus. The supper, which has been well-attended by students as well as members of the Meeting, is a time for socializing - a place to get to know people better.

Comparisons

(source: Christian Science Monitor -Jan. 14, 1963)

Percentage of military-age effectives in armed forces.

United States	5.75
Great Britain	2.5%
West Germany	2.2%
Italy	2.8%
France	5.3% (mostly not under Nato)

Term of draft period for military duty.

United States	2 years
France	18 months
Great Britain	None

Percentage of national income spent on defense.

United States	10%
NATO average	5%

Our typist/stencil-maker erred (and who doesn't?) figured on a twelve-page issue and we had copy for only nine pages. Rather than retype the entire issue or leave three blank pages at the end, we are using the "bonus space" for material which would not normally have been included in the Bulletin.

Bela Bannerjee - A few people in Lake Erie Association already know Bela (pronounce to rhyme with mail a letter). Bela is a London-trained nurse who was one of the first employees of the AFSC Community Development Project at Barpali, India. Besides working in Leprosy Clinic (Mondays), Maternity and New Baby Clinic (Wednesdays), General Clinic (Fridays) she held classes for girls in residence who completed nine-months courses in midwifery and nutrition. Of course the clinics were generally supervised by doctors but, when none was available, she had to diagnose, treat and give medication on her own.

Having watched so many Americans come and go, Bela became eager to see the United States and to renew friendship with many of the people who worked on the staff of the project. The project was set up on a ten-year basis but it was always arranged to rotate personnel in order to allow many people to gain experience in the project. Only Bela stayed on the staff for almost the whole time. The AFSC arranged for Bela to leave last spring and attend the All-India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health in order to get a degree in Public Health Nursing. She finished her course this spring.

Since sometime in 1960, friends of Bela's have been accumulating a fund to bring her to the U.S. While here it is hoped that she will be given opportunities to see medical practice in her field and also to have her travel around the U. S. and Canada as she has friends from Massachusetts to Hawaii and from Vancouver to North Carolina. She finished her PHN course at the end of April. Unfortunately she was ill at the time her course finished and her illness not only interfered with her exams but also delayed her departure. We have heard from Bela recently that she is now making definite plans to depart and it is probable that she will be here before another issue of the Bulletin is published.

Whereas no definite schedule for her will be made before she is either on her way or actually in this country, suggestions for itinerary and offers of hospitality would be most welcome. The fund is still open for contributions since the minimum goal has not yet been reached. Please address suggestions or contributions to:

Matt Thomson, Regional Director, AFSC 915
915 Salem Avenue, Dayton 6, Ohio.

Argenta - A History - Argenta Friends School, now in its fourth years, with 13 pupils enrolled in grades 10 through 12, and a new school-and-meeting-house curriculum, based on B. C. government standards, provides extra courses for enrichment and personal development. While ultimate authority rests with the Argenta Friends Meeting, the school has advisors from the community and from Friends in other parts of Canada. Active student responsibility in school affairs welds together students who come from far and near. Out of their daily activity shared with staff and community, there is already emerging precedent and tradition on which to build a worthy reputation and a growing future.

A Plea - an urgent letter signed by all the students at the school reads - "We need your help badly We operate on a very limited budget to keep tuition costs down so that students from various social and economic backgrounds can attend. We have just found ourselves in a financial disaster, and unless we can obtain \$2000 our school must close because there aren't enough funds to go on.

Could you possibly put a statement in the Friends Bulletin to the effect that we need money desperately? If so, our need would reach a greater number of people. Please send any contributions c/o John Stevenson, Co-ordinator, Argenta Friends School, Argenta, B. C., Canada. Thank you." -- condensed from Friends Bulletin, Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1616 Tenth Avenue, San Francisco 22, California.

Simple Burial Manual - (Celo Press, Burnsville, N.C.~ 64 pp., \$1.00)

The subject of this "paperback" might be of interest to every Friend who intends to die. It might be of interest to those Friends Meetings which try to help their members seek simplicity in their lives. Isn't death just a part of life? If we do not fear life, why should we fear death? So, let's talk about it a little. Most people think that the only thing they can do to prepare for their eventual death is to write a will or to buy life insurance (which might more properly be called death insurance?). This pamphlet shows how an average person can help those who are left with the responsibility of disposing of our bodies to carry out their responsibilities. So often people quote individual experience with funeral directors. There is at least one large-scale example given. "The International Ladies Garment Workers Union recently reported that of payments of \$14 million made from their welfare fund, \$11 million went for funeral expenses." It also shows the plight of the funeral directors. With 24,000 businesses in the United States and 1,800,000 deaths, the average for each business is to get only one and a half funerals per week. Actually there are many funeral homes that average less than one funeral per week and have to charge all their overhead to that one funeral. It is very simple to see that the field is overcrowded. Economically thinking, the present amount of funeral business could be more efficiently handled by one-fourth or one-sixth the number of funeral directors. Since the business provides relatively few customers, it is necessary to charge each one with a large amount of overhead.

Suggestions are given for organizing Memorial Societies which cooperate with one particular funeral director and try to assure him a higher volume of business in return for lower fees (standard services) for their members. It also tells about the establishment of burial committees by two Friends Meetings in an effort to have the Meeting handle the entire procedure from the disposal of the body to the arranging of the memorial service. The booklet does not pretend to cover the situation in a scholarly fashion. For such a work it suggests ordering a book by Dr. LeRoy Bowman called "The American Funeral--A Study in Guilt, Extravagance and Sublimity" (\$4.50 from Celo Press).

This pamphlet is the first venture of Celo Press, an offshoot of The Arthur Morgan School. It provides a worthwhile service project for the School and gives students real work experience while helping to support the school. The Arthur Morgan School is a combination boarding and day school which serves grades 7, 8 and 9. It seeks to combine academic excellence with productive work experience. Teachers and pupils form a community of work which undertakes to be self-supporting as far as possible.

This is a copy of the original Bulletin that has gone through OCR (Optical Character Recognition) software, and therefore needed to be corrected. Errors may have been introduced in this process. In addition, some of the layout has been changed.