

WINCHESTER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

1950-1954

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While most of the grammar, spelling, and abbreviations were kept as close as possible to what is handwritten in the original Preparative Meeting Minutes, corrections and changes have been made to improve the readability of the minutes. Curly brackets are used to surround words or parts of words that the editors could not read or decipher: { ? }, {?ene}, {Parkin?}. Curly brackets are also used to enclose editorial notes and changes made by the editors.

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The spelling of names has been corrected wherever obvious misspellings have been found. Otherwise, the names are spelled as they appear in the minutes. Please note that sometimes several variations of the same name do occur.

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(Transcribed November 2006)

1st Month, 1st Day, 1950

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 1st month, 1st day, 1950, at the usual hour with an attendance of 56.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning worship was 145 1/4, for evening 131 2/3. The Christmas Cantata program was 303.

The House Committee submitted a statement suggesting we begin to think

about installing a stoker for the coming winter. After considerable discussion, it was decided to have the committee which was appointed to look after repair work in the basement to also look into requirements for a stoker and to report at the next Monthly Meeting.

Kenneth Pickering said a series of films were being planned to be given seven (7) consecutive Sundays. Said series to begin as soon as the films arrived. The first one was to be on the Life of Paul. Kenneth also said the Meeting had received two checks from two business firms in Winchester. One was a \$100 gift from the Standard Securities Co. and the other a \$50 gift from the Winchester Stock Yards. It was ordered by the Meeting for the Clerk to send letters of thanks.

Two marriages are to be recorded. One, that of Ella Briner to Dallas Huey on December 25, 1949 and the other, Robert Bollinger to Betty Ullom, on December 31, 1949. The marriage of Ella Briner and Dallas Huey took place in the Meeting House during the regular morning worship service.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 2nd month, 5th day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

2nd Month, 5th Day, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 2nd month, 5th day, 1950 at the usual hour with an attendance of 60.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning worship was $136 \frac{3}{5}$ and for evening $65 \frac{3}{5}$.

The birth of a son, Michael Gene, to Edwin Gene and Mildred Thornburg on January 4, 1950 was reported.

Lester and Virginia Horner took a son, Gary Edward, for adoption on December 7, 1949. The child being born on November 27, 1949.

Verl Anderson reported for the committee which was to investigate the heating problem. He reported the oil burner and stoker costs were about the same - the cost of the stoker approximately \$600 with the

oil burner about the same including two tanks. This estimate was based on today's costs of heating. Estella Moore spoke in favor of the cleanliness of oil.

The Meeting approved the installation of the oil burner and conversion over the building with the approval of the State Fire Marshall. The same committee is to go ahead with it and also putting in the door to the kitchen.

The committee of Ministry & Counsel recommended the name of Helen Mitchell for membership by request. She was present so was recognized by those present. The committee to call on her is Fred and Estella Moore who are to choose some one to go with them.

Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting chosen were Bessie Stine, Mary Kemp, Bertha Briner, Nellie Pickett, and Edna Hinshaw.

Kenneth Pickering spoke about writing to the Editor of the Penn Weekly concerning the material in it. It was approved for Kenneth to write the letter.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 3rd month, 5th day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

{handwritten notation} Floyd E. to Richard and Mary Rhinehart
February 12, 1950.

3rd Month, 5th Day, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 3rd month, 5th day, 1950 at the usual hour with an attendance of 53.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning was 125 3/4, and evening 66 3/4.

The calling committee was continued.

A report of the Quarterly Meeting by Bessie Stine was read by the Clerk. Sam Hinshaw expressed his appreciation for this comprehensive report of the Quarterly Meeting.

The last full week of August as the time for the 1950 Yearly Meeting was noted and commented upon.

Kenneth Pickering reported he had written the letter to the Penn Weekly but had received no reply.

The marriage of Alma Fennimore to Steven Ringley, Saturday, February 25, 1950, was reported.

Ralph Fisher, speaking for the Sunday School Committee, made some suggestions and recommendations for improvement in the basement so that it will be more desirable for the children's Sunday School and classes. Following are the suggestions:

1. Drainage situation must be taken care of first.
2. Plaster patched.
3. Put in class rooms; presented a plan for such.
4. Cover the entire floor with asphalt tile.
5. Check on the wiring and lighting system.

He also made an appeal for an assistant to help Helen Boomer with the children. Anyone who will act or knows of anyone who will, report to the Sunday School Committee.

Sammy Hinshaw, Lena Bales, and Delight Jones spoke in favor of doing every thing possible to help with the work of the children.

It was suggested and approved that the Sunday School Committee help with the suggested improvements as the time comes.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 4th month, 2nd day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

4th Month, 2nd Day, 1950

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 4th month, 2nd day, 1950, at the usual hour with an attendance of 63.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning worship was 119 1/2 and for evening 48 1/4.

The calling committee carried over from last month reported as having made their call.

Stella Moore, as Chairman of the House Committee, reported that plaster was about to fall on the organ, in the back, and said the man who repairs the organ thought it should be fixed before damage was done to the organ. After some discussion, it was left up to the Trustees to see that it was fixed.

Kenneth Pickering said the Pastoral Committee had approved of names brought before it of people wishing to become members of our Meeting Easter Sunday, but that because of the lateness the names were given, they hadn't been completed so could not be brought before the Monthly Meeting for consideration as is the usual procedure. Because of assurance that they would make acceptable members, a blanket approval was given and individual names will be taken up at next Meeting, merely to meet the required procedure.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 5th month, 7th day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

5th Month, 7th Day, 1950

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 5th month, 7th day, 1950, at the usual hour with an attendance of 75.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning worship was 161 and for evening 133.

New members taken in Easter Sunday were Elvin Shaffer from the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Saratoga, Anna Smail from Winchester Methodist, Helen Logan and son, Jerry, by request. Committees were appointed to call on them as follows: Max and Violet Bashia and 2 more they are to pick from their class to go with them, to call on Elvin Shaffer. Lee and Bertha Briner and 2 more from their class to call on Anna Smail. Walter and Pauline Mills and their choice of 2 more from their class to call on Helen Logan.

Quarterly Meeting representatives were appointed as follows: 1. Bessie Stine 2. Samuel Hinshaw 3. Edna Hinshaw 4. Kenneth Pickering

5. Ruthanna Pickering 6. Marvin Thornburg 7. Stella Moore 8. Fred Moore 9. Lena Bales.

Nominating Committee for Quarterly Meeting: 1. Samuel Hinshaw 2. Edna Hinshaw.

Yearly Meeting representatives: 1. Esther Bright 2. Esther Overman, alternate.

A girl, Penette Jill, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Max Phelps on April 26, 1950.

A Report on State of Society, Winchester, written by Kenneth Pickering was read, which showed there had been a decided improvement in the past year. Reports for the year of the Missionary Committee, the Press Committee and the Peace and Service Committee, were also read.

It was with sad hearts that the Meeting heard and accepted the resignation of Kenneth Pickering as our Pastor. Ill health is the reason given for this action. He has accepted the pastorate of the First Friends Church at Long Beach, California. He and his family will leave the First of August.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 6th month, 4th day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

Minutes of the Called Meeting, May 28, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting had a Called Meeting on May 28, 1950.

The opening minute was read after which the Presiding Clerk read a letter from Wilbur W. Kamp expressing his consideration for our Meeting. She also read a recommendation from James Coney and gave the thoughts of Will Reagan at Quaker Hill.

Riley Thornburg of the Pastoral Committee recommended a call be extended to Wilbur Kamp from the Winchester Monthly Meeting.

There was unanimous approval expressed to send the call.

The closing minute was read.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

6th Month, 4th Day, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 6th month, 4th day, 1950 at the usual time with an attendance of 87.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meetings were read and approved.

Walter and Pauline Mills and Lee and Bertha Briner reported their calls made.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning worship was 144 1/2 and for evening 68 3/4.

Bessie Stine gave a report of the Quarterly Meeting. Ernest Lamb, Minister-at-Large of the Five Years Meeting gave the message of the morning. He is sometimes called the Roving Minister which seemed appropriate when he told of experiences in England, Scotland, California, and other parts of the world. He said Friends must give a reason why they are here for the world is waiting for a clear message. The season for refreshment is now open for Friends. A review of the business taken up was given.

Edna Hinshaw expressed appreciation for the good report.

A girl, Susan Diane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Keener on May 30, 1950.

It was approved to appoint the Nominating Committee. Kenneth Boomer is to be the Monthly Meeting representative and chairman with other members of the committee being one representative from the William Penn, Golden Band, Oscar Puckett, and Quaker Girl classes and Women's Society, and Junior Department.

The committee for Ministry & Counsel approved was Bessie Stine, chairman, Mary Anderson, Gordon Keys with two representatives from the Ministry & Counsel (the first named as chairman of the entire committee). Kenneth Pickering is a member of all committees.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again the 7th month, 2nd day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

{handwritten notation} 6 - 25 50 It was decided by Ministry & Counsel to have Bessie Stine as chairman and 2 members, Marvin Thornburg and

Guy Friar, were named to the Nominating Committee.

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A note to show Wilbur Kamp was hired to serve as our minister, beginning September 1, 1950, under the same terms as that which had applied to Kenneth Pickering.

7th Month, 2nd Day, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House 7th month, 2nd day, 1950 at the usual time with an attendance of 60.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning worship was 122 1/2 and for evening 54.

The death of Charles E. Thornhill was reported, on June 9, 1950, and the death of Isaac Williams III on June 9, 1950.

W.F. Carper was married on June 24, 1950.

An announcement of Junior Yearly Meeting was announced by Kenneth R. Pickering.

The Nominating Committee, who was not clear as to just what its duties were in relation to appointing Trustees, was told that it was definitely its duty (according to the Discipline of Friends) to appoint the Trustees.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 8th month, 6th day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

8th Month, 6th Day, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 8th month, 6th day, 1950 at the usual time with an attendance of 58.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning worship was 159 and for evening 110.

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting were appointed as follows: Grace Warren, Edna Hinshaw, Helen Boomer, Lloyd Keys, Ora Keys, Stella Moore and Sam Hinshaw.

Yearly reports were read from Quaker Girls, Women's Society, Young People's Group, Statistical Committee, and the Nominating Committee. Along with the report from the Nominating Committee came a recommendation that no officer serve over 3 years at one time. It was decided that it would be better to have a month to think it over, before deciding.

The Ministry & Counsel presented the name of Sam Hinshaw to fill the vacancy created when Ruthanna Pickering moved away.

It was mentioned that Stella Moore was appointed to serve as alternate to Yearly Meeting in place of Esther Overman, since Esther thought she might be too busy to attend much.

A report by Riley Thornburg on parsonage repair work was given as to how much needed to be done and approximate price of the work. Discussion by the Meeting followed.

A letter of farewell from Kenneth Pickering was read to the Meeting. In it he expressed appreciation for all that had been done for him and his family.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 9th month, 3rd day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

9th Month, 3rd Day, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 9th month, 3rd day, 1950, at the usual time with an attendance of 70.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The recommendation of the Nominating Committee, that no officer serve over three years at one time, was discussed. Gordon Keys suggested a committee study the situation more thoroughly. It was approved to

have the Nominating Committee consider and present a plan for changing officers.

Orval Pickett reported morning attendance of 98 1/4.

It was approved to enter into the Pension Plan with Wilbur Kamp with our Meeting paying our half.

Quarterly Meeting report was given by Grace Warren. She gave some points of the message of the morning which was given by Harry Reece from Lynn, those being emphasis on individual responsibility and entire dependence on God. A brief review of the business including the missionary report given by Mary Hinshaw who attended Winona Lake conference.

Estella Moore gave a report from the Yearly Meeting. She mentioned the Young Friends Yearly Meeting as interesting and that they expressed hope for having a meeting next year. The morning devotionals of each day by Ernest Lamb were inspiring. The highlights of sermons by Murray Johnson, Bob Jones, and Ernest Trueblood were given. Estella expressed hope of getting to go next year.

An expression of appreciation was given by the Meeting for the fine reports.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 10th month, 1st day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

10th Month, 1st Day, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 10th month, 1st day, 1950, at the usual time with an attendance of 45.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported morning attendance of 126 and evening 47. There were 133 in attendance at the reception for Wilbur Kamp and his family.

Our Meeting had previously approved the Pastors Retirement Plan on a 50-50 basis, but the Presiding Clerk brought out that all other Meetings we knew who had this plan, paid on a 60-40 basis. Our Meeting approved this 60-40 plan, to be in accordance with the other Meetings. The Meeting pays the 60%.

A funeral service for John Best, killed in World War II and whose body was just returned, was held September 22, 1950. Although no record of membership could be found, he was considered a member of our Meeting.

Rachael Brooks, who has moved to Winchester, was presented at our Meeting. Other visitors, all from the Indianapolis Meeting were: Florence and Walter Pedersen and Elizabeth and Edward Lawson.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 11th month, 5th day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

11th Month, 5th Day, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 11th month, 5th day, 1950 at the usual hour with an attendance of 47.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported morning attendance of 122 and one evening service of 131.

The Meeting approved a Thanksgiving letter to be sent to members of the Meeting, with an envelope enclosed for a free-will offering, part of the offering to be used on the improvement fund, which is still short.

A letter written by Kenneth Pickering, requesting transfer of membership to Long Beach Monthly Meeting of California, was read and granted.

An audited statement of Treasurer's books from 9/1/49 to 8/31/50 was presented by the Auditing Committee and read to the Meeting.

There was quite a lengthy discussion on how to divide or arrange finances on church budget and improvement fund. It was approved by the Meeting to have the Finance Committee present to Monthly Meeting at the beginning of each year a written statement of a proposed budget.

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting were appointed as follows: 1. Helen Thornhill 2. Marvin Thornburg 3. Irene Thornburg 4. Lois Kamp 5. Leo Keys.

June Mendenhall brought up the subject of hiring a choir director. The proposition of hiring an outside director was dropped for the time being as Esther Bright agreed to direct until after the Christmas Cantata, then Max Bashia to direct until such time as a director could be located. The Meeting voted to double the salary of the director and organist, making it now \$3 a week.

Wilbur Kamp brought up the matter of continued Sunday night union services of the 5 churches. The Ministerial Association would like to have it continued and the matter is to be brought up at each of the participating churches. Our Meeting decided to take a month to think it over and bring it up for discussion at next Monthly Meeting.

One birth was reported, Charles Allen, to Clifford and Elizabeth Tuttle, on October 18, 1950.

There being no further business, Meeting adjourned to meet 12th month, 3rd day, 1950.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

12th Month, 10th Day, 1950

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 12th month, 10th day, 1950 at the usual hour with an attendance of 52.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Treasurer's monthly and yearly report was read and approved with thanks to Stella Mason for her good work.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance was 128 and the 2 evening services, one union and one regular, was 83.

Lois Kamp gave the report of the Quarterly Meeting. Laura Feters introduced the ministers who were on the platform. Norval Webb spoke on "Value of Humanity and Individuals." Our attitude is that people are cheap: cheap as sparrows, but God puts a high value on each one.

The subject was brought up about union services which was carried over from last Monthly Meeting. After some discussion, Wilbur Kamp said that until the other churches have made their decisions, we could postpone further action.

The Ministry & Counsel presented for membership the following names: Leland Shank, his wife Faith, and their two daughters, Sandra and Ruth

Ava. The children to be associate members. The Meeting approved their membership. Verlin and Mary Anderson were appointed to call on the Shank's and were to get someone from the William Penn class to go with them.

The death of Ulysses N. Davisson occurred on November 23, 1950.

Wilbur Kamp read a letter from the Five Years Meeting asking for a Christmas collection to be made and applied on the Five Years Meeting Budget as they need financial assistance. It was decided to get their free envelopes and put out for voluntary contributions.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 1st month, 7th day, 1951.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

1st Month, 7th Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 1st month, 7th day, 1951 at the usual hour with an attendance of 52.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's monthly report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance was 129 and evening 94. For the year from January 1950 to January 1951 {the average attendance} was 132 for morning and 80 for evening.

Verlin and Mary Anderson reported they had made their call on the Shank's.

Kenneth Boomer said he could get 3 new films, just released, on the life of Paul. The charge is \$8 plus transportation charges on each one. Classes and individuals will finance the cost of these films.

Wilbur Kamp suggested the movies might be given at a social period for the church. The social committee and Kenneth are to decide on when to have this social meeting.

Clifford Tuttle urged attendance at mid-week service where the "Friends Advance," a publication put out by the Five Years Meeting, is being studied and discussed, for the purpose of advancing our own Meeting, {and advance} the Five Years Meeting, in all branches of work.

Wilbur Kamp read parts of a letter written by the American Friends Service Committee, on our Peace stand, urging us to be more faithful.

The Ministry & Counsel presented the following names for full active membership: Hugh G. Peters, Alvina Estella Peters, Nancy Coleen Peters, Joy Marleen Peters, Norman Russell Peters, and Betty Ellen Peters. The Meeting approved their membership and Walter and Pauline Mills with Allen and Audrea Comer were appointed to call on them.

Charles Coats' death occurred on December 25, 1950.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 2nd month, 4th day, 1951.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

2nd Month, 4th Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 2nd month, 4th day, 1951 with an attendance of 79.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Treasurer's monthly report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported morning attendance as 114 and evening 45, for the month's average.

The committee appointed to call on the Peters family reported they were unable to make the call, though several attempts had been made. The committee is continued until next month.

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting were appointed as follows: 1. Edna Hinshaw 2. Marvin Thornburg 3. Austin Cox 4. Grace Warren 5. Bertha Heaston 6. Joe Harris 7. Helen Boomer 8. Leah Harris.

Sam Hinshaw reported on the Men's Meeting. They had an attendance of 65 and organized as a Quarterly Meeting group. Chairman is Robert Zimmerman and Vice Chairman is Kenneth Boomer. The next meeting is in Muncie in April. The purpose of this organization is to support Quaker Haven principally: financially as well as physically and spiritually. It was brought out that our Meeting doesn't show enough interest in our Quarterly Meetings.

Bessie Stine expressed appreciation for help from the William Penn Class on the social meeting held Sunday night, January 28, 1950.

Marvin Thornburg expressed ways to help in financing Quaker Haven. He said we could do without a few things we think we need and give that money to Quaker Haven. Comments were made as to the reason our Meeting had not supported it better; the main one being we had had so much expense in the repair of our buildings.

The death of Florence Templin came January 28, 1951 and Virgil Cuppy on January 31, 1951. Cards of thanks were received from the Charles Coats family and the U.N. Davisson family.

Wilbur Kamp mentioned that the Five Years Meeting had put out for the Friends Advance endeavor, a chart to be kept by the Meeting for a period of 5 years, to show the growth of the Meeting year by year. It was suggested the proper person to keep this record was the Recording Clerk.

Frances Thornburg mentioned that it was time to make another contract for the yearly upkeep of the organ. Max Miller from Red Key wants to bid on the work. Charles P. Cave, who has been doing the work, has been very satisfactory. It was left up to the Music Committee to do as they saw fit regarding the matter.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 3rd month, 4th day, 1951.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

3rd Month, 4th Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 3rd month, 4th day, 1951 with an attendance of 51.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Walter Mills reported the committee had called on the Peters family.

The average morning attendance was 127 and the evening 41 as reported by Orval Pickett.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The names of Wilbur W. Kamp, Lois P. Kamp, Cynthia L. Kamp, Laura A. Kamp, Priscilla C. Kamp, and Hettie Hunt were presented and accepted as members of our Meeting.

Vernon and Esther Overman, and John and Bessie Stine were named to call on the Kamps.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting will be delayed until next month.

Marvin Thornburg reported no one went to Washington in regard to draft legislation because a letter had been received saying no time and place could be arranged to meet with the Representatives during that week. The week of March 7 is now being planned. Every demonstration should be made to show concern and opposition to the Universal Military Training Bill because it threatens all the liberties of our young people, Wilbur Kamp stated. The decision of going was left with Marvin and Wilbur.

Wilbur asked for some released time in order to present information to the young people on this question and it was granted by the Meeting.

The birth of Diana Kay Cox on February 9, 1951 to Julia and Virgil Cox was reported.

The death of Dallas Keever on February 24, 1951 was reported.

The printing of registration cards for listing members of the Monthly Meeting was approved, the cost to be paid out of the treasury.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 4th month, 1st day, 1951.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

4th Month, 1st Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House 4th month, 1st day, 1951 with an attendance of 69.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

Esther Overman reported the committee had made the call on the Kamps.

The average morning attendance was 154 and the evening was 102 as reported by Orval Pickett.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting was given by Edna Hinshaw. She gave some of the points of the message and the business discussed. Appreciation for the report was expressed.

Vernon Overman reported the Easter offering was over \$500, the exact

amount not being available as the Treasurer, Stella Mason, was in the hospital. He also said no personal solicitations for any project had been made in 15 years. If anyone else wishes to make contributions, it will be voluntary on the part of the contributor.

Florence Hinshaw, Ministry & Counsel, reported a request of Shirley Cates from associate to active membership. The Meeting approved the transfer. Cynthia Kamp and someone she may choose are to call on Shirley.

The Ministry & Counsel asked that the Queries be printed on pocket sized cards so they can be given to new members and all interested. The Meeting approved the printing of such cards.

Wilbur Kamp asked for a vacation ahead of time because of urgent business which necessitated a trip East the time being April 16 to May 17.

Meetings while gone to be as follows:

April 22: Morning: Ernest Lamb, Esther Overman
Night: Movie on Temperance
April 29: Morning: Harold Tolefson, Estella Moore
Night: Congregational {Christian Church}
May 6: Morning: Merle Davis, Caroline Vaupel
Night: Pictures, Merle Davis
May 13: Morning: William J. Reagan, Charles Cates
Night: Congregational {Christian} Church

{handwritten notation} Note: In case of sickness or if anyone is unable to come, Charles Johnson, Earlham College, will come up.

Charles Cates had received a communication and one point mentioned was the 53 billion dollars being spent by the government for militarization and \$41,000 for peace by the Committee on National Legislation.

A note of greeting, love, and appreciation to Stella Mason is to be sent by the Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 5th month, 6th day, 1951.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

5th Month, 6th Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 5th month, 6th day, 1951 with an attendance of 65.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance for the month was 125 and for evening 111.

The Treasurer's reports for March and April were read and approved. The delay in receiving the March report was due to Stella Mason being in the hospital from an injury received when hit by an automobile. Frances Thornburg took over making the reports.

Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting in Muncie, 5th month, 19th day, 1951, were appointed as follows:

1. Florence Hinshaw
2. Lloyd Keys
3. Grace Keys
4. Mabel Mills
5. Ora Keys

The Nominating Committee to Quarterly Meeting is as follows:

1. Charles Cates
2. Elizabeth Cates.

The Ministry & Counsel reported a change of membership requested by Janice McCamish Jerling from Winchester Monthly Meeting to Millington, N.J. Monthly Meeting. The request was granted.

A report prepared by C. Lloyd Keys, Helen Boomer and Walter Mills on "State of Society, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends" for the past year was read. A copy was given to the Clerk to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting. The report was appreciated by the Meeting.

Kenneth Boomer gave a report on the Men's Fellowship Quarterly Meeting. A discussion followed as to our responsibility toward Quaker Haven. The responsibility of looking after Quaker Haven has been delegated to the Men's Fellowship and they are to look after it as they see fit, supporting the regular Board Members appointed by the Yearly Meeting.

The death of May Grey occurred April 30, 1951.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 6th month, 3rd day, 1951.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

6th Month, 3rd Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 6th month, 3rd day, 1951 with an attendance of 46.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report made out by Frances Thornburg, in the absence of Stella Mason, was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance for the month of May was 113 and for evening services 27.

Florence Hinshaw gave an excellent report of the Quarterly Meeting. Rev. Reece of Lynn had the devotionals reading scripture and making his remarks for Psalms 46:10. "Be still and know that I am God." He said that man had messed up the universe, but God was still there if we would only seek Him. Robert Jones introduced the speaker, Murray Johnson of Marion. He said there were two kinds of Christians: the ones who are the "hearsay" Christians, and the ones that have had "spiritual experience." If you can't find time for silence, you must make time. We as a whole have become too interested in just "things" to be concerned about our souls. The Recording Clerk read the Queries as they are supposed to be read twice a year. Marvin Thornburg gave a report of their trip to Washington. Virgil Peacock said he believed that Washington respected the Quaker belief. Bob Jones talked about the children's yearly meeting held with the Yearly Meeting proper and would like for each Meeting, if possible, to send a children's worker to help with the children. It is rather like a nursery school, with leaders giving instructions in Quaker Beliefs.

A girl, Rosalyn Renee was born to Elvin and Rowena Shaffer on May 30, 1951. Mrs. Fred Wigmore's death occurred on May 27, 1951.

The representatives on the Nominating Committee were appointed as follows:

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| Monthly Meeting: | Riley Thornburg (to act as chairman) |
| Quaker Girls: | Glenda Myers |
| William Penn Class: | Audrea Comer |
| Golden Band Class: | Leah Harris |
| Primary Department: | Lois Kamp |
| Women's Society: | Nova Fisher |
| Men's Fellowship: | Clifford Tuttle |
| Oscar Puckett Class: | Fred Moore |

Wilbur Kamp mentioned the Ministerial Association desired the cooperation of our Meeting in the Union Services for the month of

July. Our Meeting approved.

Bessie Stine, who is chairman of the Social Committee, suggested we have a family night with movies and a carry-in dinner. This was approved, with the time to be announced at a later date.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 7th month, 1st day, 1951.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

7th Month, 1st Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 7th month, 1st day, 1951 with an attendance of 61.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance for the month of June was 111 and for evening 73.

Wilbur Kamp said the repair work in the basement was nearing completion; that it was all done except for painting the floor in the south room and painting the chairs. This is expected to be done Tuesday and Thursday nights. Wilbur said an immense amount of labor had been contributed by members of the church. Kenneth Boomer asked that some of the members report Monday night to help with scrubbing the chairs and floor to get them ready to paint the following night.

Elvira Overman's death came on June 18, 1951. Mr. and Mrs. William Mopps were the parents of a daughter, Ellen, born June 26, 1951. She is the former Irene Keys.

The Nominating Committee submitted their report for members of the standing committees. This report was read and approved. Thanks were given to the Nominating Committee for their time and good work. Estella Moore read an excerpt from Faith and Practice on term of offices and said the committee tried to go by it. This means a six year maximum term for any member.

Charles Cates expressed a desire to resign from the Chairmanship of the Peace and Service Committee. This was referred to the Nominating Committee.

The Clerk was instructed to send a note of thanks to the Peoples Loan and Trust Company for the beautiful flowers sent to the Meeting for their Sunday services. The Peoples Loan and Trust Company had celebrated their 50th year of service to the community on the day before.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 8th month, 5th day, 1951.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

8th Month, 5th Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 8th month, 5th day, 1951 with an approximate attendance of 60.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

There was no Treasurer's report submitted. Orval Pickett was absent and there was no report submitted by him.

Marvin Thornburg was appointed representative to Indiana Yearly Meeting and Edna Hinshaw was appointed assistant {alternate}.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting were appointed as follows:

1. Esther Bright
2. Ora Keys
3. Leah Harris
4. Fred Moore
5. Mary Kemp
6. Gertrude Friar

Yearly reports were submitted and read to the Meeting by the following committees.

1. Statistical
2. Sponsors of Young People
3. Women's Society (financial)
4. Press Committee
5. Music Committee
6. Missionary Committee
7. Social Committee
8. Quaker Girls

The Nominating Committee had no report to make yet on completing the Temperance Committee and also no one had been appointed to fill the vacancy of the Chairmanship of the Peace and Service Committee created

by the resignation of Charles Cates.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 9th month, 2nd day, 1951.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

9th Month, 2nd Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 9th month, 2nd day, 1951 with an attendance of 65.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's reports for July and August, also the Yearly report, were read and approved. Thanks were expressed to Stella Mason for her good work.

The attendance report by Orval Pickett was 99 for morning worship and 94 for evening.

The birthday money on hand of \$125 is to be given to the Missionary Committee for disbursement.

Carleton Clevenger and Marilyn Edwards were married September 1, 1951 and Daisy and Will Wysong were remarried August 12, 1951 in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ora Keys and Leah Harris gave reports of the Quarterly Meeting. The Yearly Meeting report will be given next month.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 10th month, 7th day, 1951.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Asst. Recording Clerk

10th Month, 7th Day, 1951

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 10th month, 7th day, 1951 with an attendance of 28.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Edna Hinshaw, not being able to be present at the Monthly Meeting, asked that anyone who had attended Yearly Meeting give his impressions

or reports. Wilbur Kamp was asked and gave some things which impressed him. Those were: the large number of people present and the interest expressed especially in the business; adequate time given for the expression of concerns and the discussion of them; encouragement as a result of this meeting - there is a vision and we can go forward with objectives of the Five Years Advance and make progress; was a challenge and inspiration to him. Others expressed appreciation for the daily devotions and the number of missionaries going to foreign fields.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported attendance for morning 119 and evening 42.

Deaths reported were Fred Fixel, September 19, 1951, and Howard Pickett, September 6, 1951. A boy, Dennis James, was born to Howard and Wilsie Thornburg on September 23, 1951. A girl, Deborah Ann, was born to Cecil and Esther Bolinger, September 28, 1951. The marriage of Ora Keys and Ora Study on September 29, 1951 was reported.

A transfer of membership request was brought up by the Recording Clerk of the Ministry & Counsel; Elizabeth Thornhill wishes to have her membership sent to the Methodist Church of Winchester.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 11th month, 4th day, 1951.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

11th Month, 4th Day, 1951

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 11th month, 4th day, 1951 with an attendance of 39.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average for morning worship was 111 and for evening 164.

The following were appointed as delegates to Quarterly Meeting:

1. Caroline Gorham
2. Stella Moore
3. Bertha Heaston
4. Lloyd Keys
5. Alice Peacock.

Wilbur Kamp read a letter written by James Furby to the Monthly Meeting concerning preparation for Friends World Conference in 1952. November 18th was suggested as Friends World Conference Sunday. The letter emphasized three things: spiritual, study, financial. He stated that our Quarterly Meeting needs \$1500 for the travel fund for our delegates. Our Meeting is to consider what they can do to help financially.

Desmond Thornburg was present at our Meeting. He is the new Evangelistic Superintendent of the Quarterly Meeting.

Ministry & Counsel approved of Union Services continued, with each church having one Sunday night each month for its own meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to write each Monthly Meeting in the Quarterly Meeting to tell them John Compton, the Yearly Meeting Superintendent, was to bring the message at the next Quarterly Meeting and urge a good attendance. Also to mention that lunch would be served.

Friday, November 30th, Ernest Lamb is to speak in the Winchester Friends Church, to all members of the Quarterly Meeting on the proposed new building project at Quaker Hill.

Priscilla Kamp was married to Leroy J. Kruse, October 27, 1951, repeating their own vows in the manner of Friends.

Alice Mills Warnes and Bill Warnes have a baby girl, Trudy Lynn, born October 30, 1951.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 12th month, 2nd day, 1951.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

12th Month, 2nd Day, 1951

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 12th month, 2nd day, 1951 with an attendance of 45.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Ministry & Counsel recommended the names of Raymond and Chloe Robinson for membership in our Meeting. The Meeting approved and they were welcomed in person. Fred and Stella Moore were appointed to call on them.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance for worship as 110 and for the evening meeting 109 were in attendance.

Caroline Gorham, Lloyd Keys and Alice Peacock brought reports from the Quarterly Meeting. Lloyd Keys remarked that the attendance of our Monthly Meeting at the Quarterly Meeting was very small and thought we should have better attendance.

Among our members, Grace Snodgrass and Ida Bailey are in the hospital, and John Stine has a broken shoulder.

Charles Cates spoke about the raising of funds to send delegates to the Friends World Conference next summer. Several were not clear as to whether we were to give our funds to Wilbur Kamp, who goes from our Meeting, or to send our contributions to Qurney Small of Muncie, as was suggested in a letter (form) we received. Wilbur is to get clarification on this and report. The Finance Committee was appointed to take care of the contributions received at this Meeting.

Wilbur Kamp brought the report on Friday night's meeting, where Winchester Meeting was host to the Quarterly Meeting to hear R. Ernest Lamb speak on the proposed new building project at Quaker Hill. The proposed building will house the offices of the Five Years Meeting and the Yearly Meeting and which will be open for use for various activities and meetings for all Friends. Since the Five Years Meeting has no power to assess or tax, the money must come from free-will offerings. To make a fair division of assessment, it was based on membership, and on this basis, the Winchester Meeting allotment is \$850. Two to three years can be taken to meet this requirement if necessary. After some deliberation and discussion, it was approved to accept this amount as our responsibility. Walter Mills and Charles Cates were appointed to head this project. The plan suggested by Ernest Lamb was that the chairman appoint 17 others, each of them to choose 5; all to give \$5 a year for 2 years. This would make \$850.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 1st month, 6th day, 1952.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

1st Month, 6th Day, 1952

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 1st month, 6th day, 1952 with an attendance of 57 in the morning.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Wilbur Kamp reported that each Meeting was trying to meet the expenses of its own delegate to the Oxford Conference in so far as possible and after that, what is remaining add to the general fund if necessary.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. It was suggested a note of thanks be sent for the special Christmas gifts of money.

Orval Pickett reported an attendance average in the morning of 117 and the evening services which included the Christmas cantata and the union service averaged 122.

A communication from Public Morals and Peace and Service Committees was read. This concerned special prayers for the defeat of Universal Military training and for those in the service. Mention was made that Milton and Freda Hadley were in Washington helping with this work. Some one spoke of a meeting attended where the military had set plans to defeat any argument against it, but fortunately it was possible to present a moral argument. Marvin Thornburg urged the writing of views to the Congressmen. Wilbur spoke of the need of reading the Washington newsletter and to be sure to make views known to {our} own representative, Ralph Harvey, as he did not seem to be too sure.

Ministry & Counsel reported no recorded meeting.

There was discussion concerning the continuance of our own Meeting since the union meetings had been discontinued, and the decision to be up to the Monthly Meeting. Wilbur stated that the meetings had been attended by few and if the meeting is to do good they must be meaningful. If they are not, why not? What shall be done?

There were statements of what is being done other places and the responses to the programs. There being so much to discuss, it was approved to adjourn the Meeting until 6:30 p.m.

The evening Meeting opened with an attendance of 44.

A period of devotion was held then the business meeting continued.

The birth of a son, John Clifford, to Raymond and Anna Lou Arnett on December 30, 1951 was reported.

Lloyd and Grace Keys and Fred and Estella Moore reported the call on the Robinsons made.

Walter Mills reported that a minute should be sent to R. Ernest Lamb

concerning the acceptance of the quota allotment for the building of the Five Years Meeting offices.

Wilbur Kamp gave the substance of a communication from the Randolph County Sunday School Association urging that we write our Senators protesting the appointment of General Mark Clark to the Vatican. It was explained what it really means to us as a people in this country.

The question of what to do about the night meeting was discussed. Most expressions were that the church should not be closed.

It was approved that the night meetings should be continued.

The following suggestions as to what kind of a service it should be were made:

1. Should include young people and children
2. Devotional period at the beginning
3. Classes might be responsible for program
4. Church committees might be responsible
5. Pastor's night where sermon of morning might be reviewed and discussed
6. Junior choir
7. Movies on Paul

8. Monthly Meeting {on a new} night
9. Third Sunday night the Family Church Night

It was approved that the Monthly Meeting be held the first Sunday night in the month with the devotional period first.

The committee appointed for the second Sunday night was Wilbur Kamp, Shirley Cates, Delight Jones, Helen Boomer, Caroline Gorham, and Caroline Vaupel.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 2nd month, 3rd day, 1952 at night.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

2nd Month, 3rd Day, 1952

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 2nd month, 3rd day, 1952 with an attendance of 37.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, questions were asked and answered, and then it was accepted.

A letter from R. Ernest Lamb was read conveying his appreciation for the acceptance of the responsibility for the proportionate share in the Central Office building costs.

A letter from Mrs. Carrie Dwiggin was read in which she enclosed ten dollars for the 1951-1952 year for the membership fund. Wilbur Kamp commented upon the letter. It was approved that a note be sent to her.

There was a discussion concerning instructions to members about the Yearly Meeting quota stock. It was suggested that a paragraph explaining this might be added to the financial letter that is sent at the beginning of the year. Walter Mills read from the Discipline concerning the dropping of names from the record.

It was approved to have two representatives from the Ministry & Counsel to serve with the Statistical Committee to clarify the membership records. Delight Jones and Leah Harris were named from the Ministry & Counsel. It was suggested a loose leaf book might help make the keeping of these records easier.

The Ministry & Counsel made a check up of non-members and absent members and it recommends a membership drive be made to try to interest those people to more of an interest in the Sunday School and church.

Delegates named to the Quarterly Meeting were: Wendell Cox, Lloyd Keys, Elizabeth Cates, Hazel Clevenger, Florence Hinshaw, and Frances Thornburg.

It was suggested that the committee for the Sunday evening services be changed. It was approved that one member of this committee be replaced at each Monthly Meeting. At this meeting, Norma Keys was named to replace Shirley Cates on the committee.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 3rd month, 2nd day, 1952.

Delight Jones, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

3rd Month, 2nd Day, 1952

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 3rd month, 2nd day, 1952 with an attendance of 26.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported an average attendance in January of 115 in the morning and 62 at night, and for February 110 in the morning. Since the evening Meetings had been divided, he had not been able to keep an accurate account.

The Clerk asked Wilbur Kamp to explain the different plans of membership. He explained the letter of transfer, transfer from associate to active, active members on confession of faith, Monthly Meeting acceptance according to acts manifested by their lives; also affiliate members. A child become an associate member at the request of the parents.

Names recommended and approved were:

Max and Janet Copeland, members; Judy and Mary Ann, associate members. Committee to call: Allen and Audrea Comer, Walter and Pauline Mills.

Chris and Katherine Rolle, members; Kurt, associate member. Requested. Committee to call: Riley and Frances Thornburg and another couple.

A request for transfer of membership of Deward and Myrtle Lynch, members, and Carl, Michael, and John, associate members, to Downy, California was granted.

It was approved that Wilbur Kamp get forms for these transfers.

The Ministry & Counsel recommended that the time be made somehow to shorten the time between services so that neither service be vitally shortened.

It was suggested the Christian Education Department be consulted.

Suggestions given were for: no secretary's report since there is a board to show the record, eliminate one song, go to classes immediately as one comes, allow less time between services, worship service immediately after class.

It was approved that a committee, namely Sam and Edna Hinshaw and Marlin Jones, work with the Christian Education Committee to study and attempt to work out a solution to the problem.

Walter Mills reported that over \$600 had been pledged and over \$300

had been paid to the Five Year Meeting Office Building allotment.

Allen Comer, speaking for the Finance Committee, asked that the appointment of the committee to receive the contributions for the Oxford Conference be discussed and clarified. After discussion, it was decided that the Finance Committee had control of the finances of the church and finances concerned with other projects should be handled by a special committee subject to the approval or recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Marvin Thornburg was named to head the committee to take care of the travel funds for the Oxford Conference. Along with him, Clifford Tuttle and Lloyd Keys were named.

Reports from the Quarterly Meeting were given by Florence Hinshaw, Frances Thornburg, Charles Cates and Elizabeth Cates.

The Ministry & Counsel recommended an invitation to remain another year be given Wilbur Kamp. It was approved.

The Sunday Night committee replacement for Delight Jones was Florence Comer.

It was mentioned that the U.M.T. {Universal Military Training} bill was to come up Tuesday and those who had not made their views known, write or write again. It was approved to have Wilbur Kamp send a telegram expressing the opposition of the Monthly Meeting to the passage of the bill.

Allen Comer explained that Stella Mason as Treasurer had never received any pay. It was approved that she receive as much as the organist for the rest of the year.

The need of cleaning and decoration of the kitchen was spoken of. Edna Hinshaw, Frances Thornburg, and Riley Thornburg were appointed and approved to take care of this need working in cooperation with the Trustees.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again the 4th Month, 6th day, 1952.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

4th Month, 6th Day, 1952

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 4th month, 6th day, 1952 with an attendance of 36.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance was 103.

The death of Keturah Jay on March 9, 1952 was reported.

The Meeting approved {and sent} a letter of dismissal for Jean Jarrett.

The Ministry & Counsel recommended the name of Aaron Napier Memorial for the name of the new chapel that is to be built at Quaker Haven and the Meeting approved this suggestion. This suggestion is to be sent to members of the Quaker Haven board.

Names presented and approved for membership and committees to call are as follows:

William C. and Edna Brumley, members; Paul, associate member.
(Nazarene) Committee: Grace and Lloyd Keys and another couple.
{handwritten notation} Clifford and Elizabeth {Tuttle}

Carl and Dorothy Barker, members; Martha Helen, Martha Mae, associate members. Committee: Fred and Lena Bales and another couple. {handwritten notation} Bob and Lucile {Johnson}

Glen H., Roberta, Kay, and Claire Thornburg, members. Committee: Kenneth and Helen Boomer and another couple. {handwritten notation} Joe, Leah, and Judy {Harris}

William H. Warnes, member; Trudy Lynn, associate member.
Committee: Charles and Elizabeth Cates and another couple.
{handwritten notation} {Ralph and Nova Fisher}

Kurt Rolle should be recorded as a member instead of as an associate member.

Phyllis Ann Howe, associate member.

Riley and Frances Thornburg with Charles and Elizabeth Cates reported the call on the Rolle's made.

Due to conditions beyond control, Walter Mills asked {that} his committee be extended time to make its call.

Walter Mills reported the Building Fund was \$750 pledged and partly paid.

Marvin Thornburg reported the travel fund for the Oxford Conference has cash and checks of \$388 with \$251 pledged and \$100 paid in November making a total of \$739. He thanked the people for their generosity.

Wilbur stated he had definitely cancelled his Cabin Class reservation and informed them he must have Tourist Class which amounts to \$380. In order to clarify the time, he said much depended on the kind of passage you can get. Some dates were for July 9 - September 3; July 15 - August 27; July 8 - August 27. Some names have been suggested to supply {sermons} during the time {he will be} gone.

A suggestion was made that the Meeting begin at 7:00 and this suggestion was approved.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 5th month, 4th day, 1952.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

5th Month, 4th Day, 1952

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House 5th month, 4th day, 1952 with an attendance of 33.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance was 113.

The Annual Report of the State of Society was read. The report indicated a marked increase in the spiritual growth of the Meeting and that there had been fine cooperation and fellowship with a strong sense of personal responsibility and this had given rise to definite and purposeful action by all standing committees.

The committee to call on Max and Janet Copeland, which was Allen and Audrea Comer, and Walter and Pauline Mills, reported the call made.

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting were appointed as follows:

1. Marvin Thornburg
2. Irene Thornburg
3. Wilbur Kamp

4. Lois Kamp
5. Mabel Mills
6. Ora Keys
7. Hettie Hunt
8. Edna Hinshaw
9. Sammy Hinshaw
10. Stella Moore
11. Kay Thornburg
12. Ernest Lee Thornburg
13. Shirley Cates

Stella Moore and Edna Hinshaw were appointed to serve on the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee.

The suggestion was made that cottage prayer meeting might increase the interest and attendance. The matter was referred to the next Monthly Meeting.

A minute from Ministry & Counsel presented the names of Kenneth and Edith Magner for membership.

Edna Hinshaw reported the remodeling of the kitchen was progressing satisfactorily. New shelves/cabinets are being installed and new stoves are to be purchased by various groups or organizations.

A traveling minute from the Winchester Monthly Meeting is to be given to Wilbur and Lois Kamp to be presented by them when they attend the Friends World Conference at Oxford, England this summer. They are attending as representatives from the Winchester Quarterly Meeting.

Wilbur Kamp gave his concern for a preaching mission; possibly one night a week for 5 weeks to make special effort to get people out and suggested that 4 or 5 ministers go to different churches to preach. This to take place between now and next Easter. Wilbur said he consulted Bob Jones of Muncie Meeting. Furnas Trueblood, Norval Webb of Richmond and Truman Whitacre, {New Chester?} about this plan and received favorable response. Sam Hinshaw suggested that Wilbur talk to other ministers to get their wishes and we will do whatever they decide is best.

It was brought up that a representative of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League wanted a Sunday to present their work and that a Sunday might be used when the pulpit is being filled by various ministers during the absence of Wilbur and Lois Kamp. After considerable discussion during which both sides were presented, it was decided to turn down the request as the Meeting could not come to a harmonious conclusion.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 6th month, 1st day, 1952.

Stella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

6th Month, 1st Day, 1952

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House 6th month, 1st day, 1952 with an attendance of 36.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance was 109.

The Meeting approved the names of Kenneth and Edith Magner and James Magner for membership. A committee was appointed to call on them consisting of Mabel and Wendell Cox and another couple they are to choose to go with them.

Marvin Thornburg gave a report from the Quarterly Meeting. He said Luther Addington gave the address, and he served as a substitute for the one who did not get there. He gave an inspired talk, taking as his subject "Jesus." He asked if we could justify ourselves voting for a "wet" candidate. Reports from the various Meetings on the "State of Society" were read. Ethel Snyder, Muncie, took care of the small children during the Quarterly Meeting period. Concerns for the attendance of the young people at Quarterly Meeting were given.

The Ministry & Counsel brought up the subject of night meetings while Wilbur and Lois Kamp were gone to the Oxford Conference. It was decided to hold meetings only on the nights of the regular Monthly Meeting periods, which is the first Sunday night in each month, unless we have a called special meeting. Union Meetings will be held from September 14th to October 26th.

Wilbur Kamp gave some information on their proposed trip to Oxford, England, and a general idea of how much it would cost. They will drive to Quebec, Canada, then take the boat "Atlantic" to England. The boat sails July 9th. They will return from South Hampton on August 21st. The round trip by boat will be \$363, plus 10% for tips, per person. Wilbur said he expected his trip to cost between \$800 and \$900.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 7th month, 6th day, 1952.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk

Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

6th Month, 29th Day, 1952

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 6th month, 29th day, 1952 with an attendance of 38.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Wilbur Kamp expressed appreciation for the Meeting granting him time to go to the Oxford Conference and wished it made plain that Stella Mason was to advance the vacation pay and the church supply the funds for the visiting ministers during that time. Wilbur plans to pay for those who will supply during the time he is gone that is not vacation.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance was 80.

A communication concerning the increased cost of servicing the organ was read. It said that it would be raised to \$70.00. This communication is to be handed to the Music Committee for consideration and presentation to the Finance Committee.

Prayer Meeting during July and August was discussed. It was approved that the meetings be held in the homes during this time.

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| Tuttle | July 2 | Lloyd Keys | Aug. 6 |
| Fred Moore | July 9 | Helen Thornhill | Aug. 13 |
| | July 16 | | Aug. 20 |
| | July 23 | | Aug. 27 |
| | July 30 | | |

Other volunteers were Grace Snodgrass, Clyde Brumley, Marvin Thornburg, and Sam Hinshaw.

The Nominating Committee is to be appointed with each of the adult classes and organizations having a representative. The report of this committee should be given at the August Monthly Meeting. Helen Boomer and Samuel Hinshaw were named from the Ministry & Counsel. The Monthly Meeting representative is to be Chairman of the committee. Esther Bright was chosen with Caroline Vaupel as assistant. These names were approved.

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| Quaker Girls: | Olive Cover |
| Golden Band Class: | Clifford Tuttle |
| William Penn Class: | Marjorie Carter |
| Oscar Puckett Class: | Alice Peacock |

Women's Society: Achsa Bailey
Men's Fellowship: Charles Cates
Sunday School: Kay Thornburg
Ministry & Counsel: Helen Boomer, Samuel Hinshaw

The minute for Wilbur and Lois Kamp to take to the Oxford Conference was read and approved and signed by the Clerk.

It was approved that a new organization of the Mothers of Pre-School Quakers be recognized.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 8th month, 3rd day, 1952.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Asst. Recording Clerk

8th Month, 3rd Day, 1952

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House at the rise of the morning worship, 8th month, 3rd day, 1952, with an attendance of 44.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for July was 95.

The Yearly Report was read from the Quaker Girls.

For anyone wishing to donate or pledge money to the Five Years Meeting Building Fund, it is to be given to Walter Mills.

Ad Peacock was reported to be in the hospital.

The committee to call on the Magner's, Mabel and Wendell Cox and Riley and Frances Thornburg, reported the call completed.

Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting on the 16th were appointed as follows:

1. Florence Hinshaw
2. Marvin Thornburg
3. Irene Thornburg
4. Walter Mills
5. Bessie Stine
6. Grace Warren
7. Raymond Robinson

8. Chloe Robinson
9. Ernest Lee Thornburg
10. Jim, Barbara, and Judy Harris

The meal for the Quarterly Meeting is to be in charge of the William Penn Class.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read for the standing committees for the coming year. This report was approved by the Meeting, with one change being made; that of Florence Comer to be Chairman of the Missionary Committee.

Since Wilbur Kamp was to be gone for two months, instead of the regular month's vacation, the matter came up as to whether he was to receive pay for the second month. It was approved that he was to receive full pay with instructions that he was to pay for the visiting ministers.

Grace Warren spoke for the church doing more for temperance. It was mentioned that our church passed a petition, to be signed by as many as possible, against our town selling hard liquor by the drink. Through the efforts of the churches, this effort was defeated. The Temperance Committee was instructed to act on whatever we need for our Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 9th month, 7th day, 1952.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Esther Bright, Recording Clerk

9th Month, 7th Day, 1952

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House at the regular time, 9th month, 7th day, 1952 with an attendance of 44.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's monthly report was read and approved. It was noted that the third Sunday night, family night, would be the presentation of the budget for the year.

Communications from the Bobby Helms family and from the Barnstaple Meeting in England were read. Wilbur gave some personal remarks concerning the Barnstaple letter. It was approved that a copy of this letter be made and the original given to Wilbur.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for August.

The birth of a girl, Carol Elaine, to Robert and Iris Thornburg, on September 4, 1952 was reported.

The death of James Robert Helms on August 14, 1952 was reported.

The Quarterly Meeting report was given by Florence Hinshaw. She said there were 14 ministers present. Music Special was given by Margaret Collins and the Missionary collection was \$63.25. There was the introduction of new ministers. The Nominating Committee reported; it asked for assistance for all officers and this was left over for the next Meeting. The Treasurer reported \$1.51 per capita for Yearly Meeting stock. There was discussion of the name for the chapel at Quaker Haven with no definite decision being made, it being sent back to the Men's Fellowship groups for further consideration. Appreciation for the report was expressed.

The Treasurer's Yearly Report was read. Appreciation for the accuracy and faithfulness of the Treasurer was expressed.

Also reports were read from the following committees: Christian Education, Attendance, Stewardship, Missionary, and Golden Band Class.

The Ministry & Counsel brought forth the need for a Janitor for discussion. Two offers had been made—one to pay \$20 per week and the other for \$1.25 per hour. The Finance Committee suggested that someone be hired on a trial basis for \$1.00 or \$1.25 per hour for ten hours to care for the building to see if it can be done properly in that time. It was approved that a trial on some such basis be made.

The committee composed of Clyde Brumley, Florence Comer, Marlin Jones, and Delight Jones was approved. It was approved that this committee be given authority for janitor service and to decide who shall be given the job.

The Monthly Meeting approved an item in the budget for visual education.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 10th month, 5th day, 1952.

Delight Jones, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

10th Month, 5th Day, 1952

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 10th month, 5th day, 1952 at the usual time with an

attendance of 40.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed to consider the janitor service reported that on the basis of \$1.25 and hour or \$50 per month with extra house cleaning in the spring, they had hired the janitor. Mr. George Blunt accepted the position. The materials needed for cleaning were purchased. The need for a suction cleaner which would get behind radiators, along the seats, and in the corners was expressed. This report being subject to the approval of the Monthly Meeting. It was approved.

The consideration of the purchase of a new cleaner was referred to the Trustees and they are instructed to take action immediately.

A report was made that the Yearly Meeting stock quota for this year is \$591.12. For this item in the budget \$525 has been allowed. Since the quota must be paid, the amount will be taken from the miscellaneous.

A Treasurer's report was read and approved. A question about the building fund was answered.

A letter from the Five Years Meeting concerning the observance of the 50th Anniversary (founded on October 20, 1902) told of the anniversary dinner on October 18 and some free literature for the asking. Wilbur was to send for the free material.

The removal certificates from Arba Monthly Meeting to Winchester Monthly Meeting were read for the following:

Walter and Olive Haisley. Committee to call: Pauline Keener, Frances and Riley Thornburg
Marcella Ruth {Haisley} Bolinger. Committee to call: Walter {and Pauline} Mills and someone else they may choose.
Wilbur Lee Haisley -- in the Navy.

The average Sunday morning attendance was 96 as reported by Orval Pickett.

Edna Hinshaw reported the following from the Yearly Meeting held September 9-14, 1952. The devotions and meditation each morning were in charge of Stacey Wesner who used as a theme the Life of Christ and His teachings. The report from White's Institute told of the need of support. Most of the children are from broken homes. The schooling has advanced until now they have a complete senior high school graduating 6 last year. It was urged that we support our own rather

than Father Flanagan's as the same type of service is being done. Wednesday the theme was the home. Thursday's theme was the missionary emphasis with a luncheon at noon for the women.

The annual meeting for the A.F.S.C. at the W. Richmond Friends Meeting House on Saturday, October 11, 1952 was announced.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again the 11th month, 2nd day, 1952.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

11th Month, 2nd Day, 1952

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 11th month, 2nd day, 1952 at the usual time with an attendance of 29.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Wilbur Kamp spoke of the invitation he and Lois had to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the building of the Meeting House at Poughkeepsie, New York, on the second Sunday in December. The Meeting approved of their going and of Laura Fetters taking the pulpit that Sunday.

The deaths of Everett Diggs on October 17, 1952 and of Alice Davis on October 4, 1952 were reported.

The birth of Craig Lee on October 27, 1952 to Delbert and Jeannette Durbin was reported.

A request of James and Marcella Bolinger to have their son, Duane Elvin born on August 12, 1952, in our records was reported by Walter Mills who reported he and Pauline made the call upon the Bolingers.

Six of our people attended the Five Years Meeting celebrations of the Fiftieth Year. It was stated that the speakers were interesting, as was the toastmaster, Herschel Folger, and that the music was by Earlham College. Fred Smith was the only one present who had attended every one of the Five Years Meetings sessions since it had been in existence. The tremendous growth in the fifty years in spite of the opposition, fears, and limitations has been remarkable. The present project, the new Office Building, is meeting with favorable financial response.

It was approved to send a letter to Benjamin Ngiara expressing our interest and concern in the problems which are facing his people at this time with a carbon copy to go to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, also. Wilbur explained some of the conditions in the Kenya Colony and Africa which are causing trouble.

The following delegates to Quarterly Meeting were named: Leah Harris, Sammy Hinshaw, Edna Hinshaw, Clyde Brumley, Grace Keys, Lloyd Keys, Grace Warren, and Florence Hinshaw.

Twelve men attended the banquet of the Quaker Men at Richmond.

Permission to paint a shuffle board on the basement floor was granted.

It was announced that the next church night is to be a fellowship noon meal on the third Sunday of November; the program in the afternoon is to be in charge of the Religious Education Committee.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again the 12th month, 7th day, 1952.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk.

12th Month, 7th Day, 1952

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 12th month, 7th day, 1952 with an attendance of 23.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

A communication from Errol Elliott concerning a special Christmas offering for the Five Years Meeting was mentioned. Since our budget has been set up as it is, the obligations are taken care of but if individuals wish to contribute they may do so.

The death of Riley Thornburg on November 28, 1952 and the death of Philip Fehman on November 30, 1952 were reported.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for November was 99.

Sammy Hinshaw reported the following on the Quarterly Meeting: John Randolph gave the message which was evangelistic in nature describing the difference in conversion and commitment. The playlet put on by the children of the Winchester Meeting was impressive and enjoyed.

The children's Quarterly Meeting in the basement showed the efforts and work of Lena Bales.

The call on the Walter Haisley's was reported made by Caroline Vaupel and Marlin and Delight Jones.

Harry Warren was reported to be in the hospital, and Mrs. Alvina Peters being dismissed this day.

It was decided that Pauline Mills who sends a report of the births to the American Friend should also send the report of the deaths. Putting our minister's name in the directory of the American Friend was discussed, but with more information concerning it being needed it was decided to wait until that information was received.

One December 14, when Wilbur and Lois will be in Poughkeepsie, the Clerk will preside at the First Day meetings.

A report of the Auditing Committee was read. It was approved that a vote of thanks be given the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee.

Wilbur spoke of the need of attendance at the meetings of the church and those of the meeting for worship also.

Wilbur spoke of the impressiveness of the gathering honoring the teachers and officers. The combined teaching experience of three of them, Philip Kabel, Wava Dudley, and Vada Coon was 150 years, with others with almost as much.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again the 1st month, 4th day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

1st Month, 4th Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 1st month, 4th day, 1953 with an attendance of 28.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, questioned, and approved.

Wilbur Kamp spoke of the work that had been done in the basement of which the expense showed only a part. Work of both men and women was contributed. It was approved by the Meeting to extend a vote of thanks to all those who helped.

A certificate of transfer for Adam Flatter and Naomi Flatter, which included a transfer of ministerial status for Adam Flatter, was read. There were expressions of gladness for their coming. The committee to call is to be Esther and Vernon Overman with someone they choose.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for December as 95. The attendance at the Christmas Cantata was 167. He also stated that he keeps the record in the table drawer in case he should be absent.

It was reported a son, Dale Allen, was born to Virgil and Julia Cox on December 18, 1952.

A letter from the Winchester Chamber of Commerce was read. This contained a check for \$13.82 which was from the "Help Your Church Day" fund. It was approved that a note of thanks be sent.

Kenneth Boomer reported that the Music Committee had asked Mrs. Canada to continue as director and she was to get \$5.00 per week. It was approved by the Meeting to carry out this plan of the Music Committee.

Wilbur spoke of the preaching mission which will have five cooperating ministers and meetings for the five Sunday nights in March. It was suggested that possibly the five nights in one week would be better and Wilbur stated that he himself preferred it that way, but those cooperating did not think it possible for it would interfere with their church programs. When the ministers meet again soon, the idea will be presented again.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 2nd month, 1st day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

2nd Month, 1st Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 2nd month, 1st day, 1953 at the usual time with an attendance of 29.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Wilbur Kamp reported that the only way to have a preaching mission with the cooperating meetings would be on Sunday nights. There is to be another meeting of the ministers to work out the details.

It was approved that the next Monthly Meeting would be in the morning after the morning service since an evening meeting would conflict with

the preaching mission.

The Treasurer's report was read, questioned, and approved. The Meeting approved the showing of an active church balance each month on the Treasurer's report.

The average attendance for January was 98.

The following people were appointed as delegates to Quarterly Meeting: Mabel Mills, Ora Study, Delight Jones, Samuel Hinshaw, Edna Hinshaw, Irene Thornburg, and Marvin Thornburg.

A certificate of transfer to our Meeting for Charlie K. Field and Thelma L. Field was read; also a request to have as associate members the children, Dianne K., Sandra L., and Susan M. There were expressions of approval and gladness for their coming. The committee to call is Walter and Pauline Mills, and Donald and Viva Gilpin.

Esther and Vernon Overman and Irene and Marvin Thornburg reported the call on the Flatters was made.

A minute from the Ministry & Counsel accepting the resignation of Wilbur W. Kamp was read. The letter of resignation was read upon request. After questions and expression, there were some voices of approval. It was then approved that a minute be sent notifying him of the acceptance of his resignation.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 3rd month, 1st day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

3rd Month, 1st Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 3rd month, 1st day, 1953 after the morning worship with an attendance of 54.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The marriages of Annette Clevenger to Laren Fabert on February 14, 1953 and Kenneth A. Boomer to Barbara Ann Dubbs on February 1, 1953 were reported.

A son, Mark Paul, was born on February 4, 1953 to William and Alice

Warnes.

The average attendance for February was 93.

Walter Mills reported the call on the Charlie Field family was made.

Mabel Mills gave a report of the Quarterly Meeting. She mentioned that the sermon was given by Marlene Drobneć, a converted Catholic, and gave some of the highlights of the sermon. Other delegates mentioned some points of the meeting.

A letter from Kenneth T. Overman reporting his intention of marriage with Joan Despres under the oversight of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting in Richmond, Indiana on June 9, 1953 was read; also the Certificate When Requesting Marriage signed by Fred E. Moore and Helen L. Boomer was read. Both were approved by the Meeting.

John Stine mentioned that Mrs. Mote who is a Quaker is to move to town and thought she might have to go to the Methodist Church because of distance. He felt we should look after the matter, which should be a concern of those who know her.

The Finance Committee Six Month Report was given by Marlin Jones. The financial condition is not as good as it was a year ago at this time. It was stated that the envelopes are not being used as much as they have been in the past.

The Meeting approved that the Finance Committee take care of a report of the financial condition at six months to go to all members.

The question of what the Meeting wants done about a personal visitation concerning finances before the beginning of a new year was discussed. Those who spoke were in favor of it.

A suggestion was made that the Nominating Committee be appointed earlier so the committees may be appointed earlier and can meet with the old committee before the beginning of the church year September 1, and then the new committee may actually begin functioning on September 1.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 4th month, 5th day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

{handwritten} A Called Meeting of Winchester Monthly Meeting was held on March 22, 1953 after the morning worship service. The Ministry & Counsel recommended for consideration Kenneth Pickering for our Pastor

for the year beginning September 1, 1953. The Meeting approved.

4th Month, 12th Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 4th month, 12th day, 1953 with an attendance of 29.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Estella Moore stated that Kenneth Pickering had been notified by telephone of his approval by the Meeting.

The committee to look after the moving is Walter Mills, Marlin Jones, and Sammy Hinshaw. There was approval for this.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Ministry & Counsel presented, and the Meeting approved of, the following for membership:

Florence Earnest. Committee to call: Estella Moore and someone else.

Margaret Stegall. Committee to call: Marlin and Delight Jones and someone else.

Claire Thornburg.

Sharon Jones.

Judith Ann Kaugher.

Sharon Stegall, associate member.

Minnie Guthiel requested her letter of membership to the Presbyterian Church which was granted.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for March as 101.

Marlin Jones told of the reasons for the financial letter not coming out as yet and had read the letter that will be sent soon. It was approved. He also requested a regular report of the amounts of interest of income from the moneys that are loaned.

Kenneth Boomer reported the increased cost of the service on the organ, but that increase had been allowed in the budget.

The Monthly Meeting approved of Sammy Hinshaw on the Nominating

Committee and he acts as chairman of the committee which is made up from representatives of all organized adult classes and church organizations and Sunday School.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 5th month, 3rd day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

5th Month, 3rd Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 5th month, 3rd day, 1953 with an attendance of 37.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The disposition of the bequest of Amelia Jones was discussed. Joe Harris, Charles Cates and John Stine were a committee approved to investigate needs and make a report of them.

Donald Clevenger made a report {that} the approximate amount of money for loan is \$4,518.00, which at present is loaned.

The Meeting approved that there be a report of the income from the moneys every six months.

A request for transfer of membership of Max and Violet Bashia to the Methodist Church at Portland, Indiana was granted.

The following names were recommended for membership and approved:

James Washler.

Floyd Whistler. Committee to call: Fred and Estella Moore with someone

Committee to call on Claire Thornburg: Bessie Stine. Committee to call on Sharon Jones: Charles and Elizabeth Cates. Committee to call on Judith Ann Kaugher: Marvin and Irene Thornburg. The committees to call from last month will report later.

Orval Pickett reported the average {attendance} for April was 131. The first Sunday was Easter with an attendance of 259.

The report of deaths was of Mary Payne on April 2, 1953 and Tom Pike

on April 21, 1953.

Susan Elaine was born to Walter and Pauline Mills on April 6, 1953.

Reports of illness of Hettie Hunt, Bashia Best, and Joyce Overman were made.

The report of the State of Society was read and accepted.

Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting are as follows: Grace Snodgrass, Grace and Harry Warren, Alice Moore, Ora Study, Clyde and Edna Brumley, Lena Bales, and Edna Hinshaw.

It was approved that Vernon and Esther Overman be representatives from our Meeting to the Overman wedding in the Clear Creek Monthly Meeting.

To act on the Nominating Committee of the Quarterly Meeting, Charles Cates and Marvin Thornburg were approved.

The Nominating Committee is as follows as chosen by each group.

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| Monthly Meeting: | Samuel Hinshaw |
| Oscar Puckett Class: | Anna Smail |
| Quaker Girls: | Estella Moore |
| Golden Band Class: | Caroline Vaupel |
| William Penn Class: | Walter Mills |
| Women's Society: | Alice Moore |
| Quaker Men: | Clifford Tuttle |
| Sunday School: | Lena Bales |
| Ministry & Counsel: | Leah Harris |

Wilbur asked permission to be absent next Sunday, May 10, with Laura Fetters bringing the message in the morning and Ernest Lamb is to speak at night on Evangelism. Permission was granted.

The question of the change of time was discussed, but leaving the time at 7:00 was approved for the meeting at night.

Mrs. Alice Moore stated that she had a cradle to give to the nursery which was accepted.

The Queries were read, meditated, and spoken to.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 6th month, 7th day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

6th Month, 7th Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 6th month, 7th day, 1953 with an attendance of 24.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for May was 88.

The wedding of Sue Anderson to Gerald Davis was reported.

The death of Clara Davis was reported.

It was stated that Hettie Hunt had been dismissed from the hospital.

Cards from the Davis family and the Payne family were read.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Walter Mills will make a report on the Five Years Meeting Building Fund in July.

Letters from Robert E. Zimmerman to the Quaker Men were read. These concerned the quota for the completion of the Quaker Haven Project. The suggestion was made that the Monthly Meeting assume the obligation of \$115.00. Esther Bright was appointed chairman for the fund raising.

There was a report from the Gideon Society. Our contribution was \$49.26.

Announcement was read concerning a work camp at Quaker Haven the weekend of June 13, 1953.

Fred and Estella Moore reported they had visited James Washler and Floyd Whistler at the Orphans Home.

Frances and Susan Thornburg reported the call on Florence Earnest made.

From the Quarterly Meeting Clyde Brumley reported a splendid message from Ernest Lamb. Lena Bales reported from the Children's Quarterly Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 7th month, 5th day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk

Achsa Bailey, {Asst.} Recording Clerk

7th Month, 5th Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 7th month, 5th day, 1953 with an attendance of 32.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes {of the previous Meeting} were read and approved.

Walter Mills reported the Five Years Meeting Building Fund quota of \$850 all paid but \$186, most of which has been pledged.

Esther Bright reported that \$115 had been paid to the Quaker Haven project.

The Kenneth Overman - Joan Despres wedding reported June 9, 1953, by Quaker rites. Frances Thornburg reported on the wedding; Esther Bright commented.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for June as 82.

Grace Snodgrass reported on the Quarterly Meeting; the report held over from June.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Yearly reports from the following were given: Stewardship Committee, Missionary Committee, Music Committee, Christian Education Committee, Funeral Committee (verbal) by Helen Thornhill, chairman.

Walter Mills reported verbally from the William Penn Class to the effect they had purchased a refrigerator for the church.

Frances Thornburg read the statistical report.

The Meeting approved the suggestion of the Statistical Committee that certain members (inactive) be contacted by a personal or form letter as to their future status of membership in this church. A list of names (those whom there are no addresses) will be printed in the bulletin so that more information may be received.

Report from Ministry & Counsel recommended evening meetings be discontinued during July and August. Approved. During the month of August (after the first Sunday), ministers will be supplied {during the} Pastor's vacation, etc.

It was suggested that Clyde Brumley, Delight Jones, and Florence Comer, as a committee, contact the janitor and specify his duties.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 8th month, 2nd day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Achsa Bailey, Asst. Recording Clerk

8th Month, 2nd Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 8th month, 2nd day, 1953 with an attendance of 70.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Clyde Brumley, speaking for the committee that was to contact the janitor, reported that the janitor had rung the bell all times except two, but he would continue to ring the bell as directed; also there was a statement that some citizens in the area had complained about the bell ringing so much. If anything else should be mentioned, it should be brought to the attention of the committee.

The Finance Committee and Quaker Girls reports were read.

The death of Joe Ballard was reported.

The birth of a son, Jerald Sherman, on July 27, 1953 to Donald and Viva Gilpin was reported.

Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting were as follows: Alice Peacock, Alice Moore, Clyde and Edna Brumley, Delight Jones, Samuel and Edna Hinshaw, Grace Warren, Grace and Lloyd Keys.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance {for the month of July} as 96.

Marlin Jones and Sammy Hinshaw reported on the cost of the moving of the Pickering's.

Betty Peters, Floyd Whistler, and Norman Peters gave a report of the Senior group who went to Quaker Haven. They reported there were 125, the largest group attendance ever; also the schedule of the day's activities, and the study classes. All felt the time spent well worth while and thanked the group for the chance to go. Sammy Hinshaw reported on the lunch and the inspiration the association with the group had given him which had made him more enthused than ever about Quaker Haven.

The committee approved to take care of the parsonage repair was Verl

Anderson, Mabel and Wendell Cox.

There was a standing tribute and some remarks of appreciation for the ministry of the Kamps.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 9th month, 6th day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

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On August 16, {1953}, a Called Meeting of the Monthly Meeting was held for the discussion of repair on the parsonage. The Finance Committee suggested that \$300.00 be taken from the building fund. This was approved by the Meeting and also approved asking that the interest on money loaned by the Trustees be turned in to the treasury and used for this work. There were several personal pledges made and the Meeting felt that with the probable additional personal contributions, the work could be completed and authorized the committee to proceed with necessary repairs and purchase of a stove and possibly a refrigerator. The name of Estella Moore was added to the committee.

The Meeting approved the use of the church on August 30, 1953 by the County Christian Education Committee.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Delight B. Jones, Recording Clerk pro tem

9th Month, 6th Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 9th month, 6th day, 1953 with an attendance of 66.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's monthly report and year's summary were read and accepted.

The Ministry & Counsel reported the following:

Kenneth, Ruthanna, and Joyce Pickering transferred as active members and James as an associate member. Committee to call: {handwritten notation} Ora Study?

Howard and Alice Summers, active members. Committee to call: Estella and Fred Moore.

Lavern and Margaret Sumwalt, active members, with Charles M. and Stephen H. as associate members. Committee to call: Harold and Mildred Johnston and Glen and Roberta Thornburg.

Walter Mills suggested that the names of new members be printed in the bulletin so people would know. There are copies of the Faith and Practice for new members.

Sammy Hinshaw asked if the Trustees were recorded and stated that they should be. Joe Harris was approved to be the temporary chairman to call the Trustees together.

Deaths reported were Mrs. Marjorie Kem on August, 3, 1953, and Velma Culy Colee on August 20, 1953.

Marriage reported was of James Harris to Patricia Ann Martin on August 29, 1953.

Grace Snodgrass reported on the Yearly Meeting of Thursday and Friday. She mentioned the high points of the devotional period, reports of committees and more details of the sermon of Merle Davis, and the United Society of Friends Women luncheon meeting. She also mentioned that one of the reports stated that the Universal Military Training will be brought up again under the heading of Peace Time Defense Training.

It was stated that the memorials should be sent to Quarterly Meeting by the May Meeting.

Walter Mills gave a report of the meeting at Quaker Haven on Sunday.

Sunday night meetings at 7:00 were approved.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 10th month, 4th day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

10th Month, 4th Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 10th month, 4th day, 1953 with an attendance of 47.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Ora Study and Anna Smail reported the call on the Pickerings was made.

The committees to call on the Sumwalts and Summers's will report next month.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Orval Pickett reported the {average} attendance for morning was 166 and for evening was 74.

The death of Margaret Fehman on September 25, 1953 was reported.

The recommendation from the Ministry & Counsel: to further attendance at Monthly Meeting, change time of Meeting to follow Sunday morning service First Sunday. Recommendation was approved.

The Five Years Meeting Central Office at Richmond reports our pledge of \$850 has been over subscribed by \$10. Walter Mills reported and asked that he and Charles Cates be relieved of this committee since the sum had been reached.

Charles Cates of the Music Committee reported Ruthanna Pickering as Choir Director at \$5.00 per week starting week ending September 19, 1953. Approved.

Stella Mason was given a special word of commendation from the Meeting for her efficient and willing service as Treasurer.

It was agreed to table the matter of Family Night until the next Meeting.

It was suggested that the Recording Clerk send the names of the chairmen of different committees to the officinary Quarterly Meeting.

Joe Harris is to be permanent Chairman of Trustees; Don Gilpin, Secretary/Treasurer.

A special note was read putting the care of Rachel Brooks, minister of the Gospel and member of the Jericho Meeting, in the hands of Winchester Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 11th month, 1st day, 1953.

Delight Jones, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Achsa Bailey, Asst. Recording Clerk

11th Month, 1st Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 11th month, 1st day, 1953 with an attendance of 66.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance was 144 for morning and 82 in the evening.

The deaths of Alice Moore on October 9, 1953 and of Gilbert Harrison on October 27, 1953 were reported.

From the Ministry & Counsel, a memorial to Alice Moore was read and it was approved that a copy be sent to the family.

It was approved that we continue as we have been concerning the Family Night.

Kenneth C. Marquis's application for membership was accepted. Clifford Tuttle and Marvin Thornburg are on the committee to call.

The directory on the back of the bulletin was approved.

Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting are: Bessie Stine, Edna Hinshaw, Vada Coon, Pauline Mills, Marvin Thornburg, and Estella Moore.

Charles Cates, speaking for the Music Committee, asked Elizabeth to speak concerning the condition of the piano after inspection by the technician and, also, Frances Thornburg concerning her inquiry of a used piano for sale for \$300. It was approved to replace the instrument and Marvin Thornburg to act as chairman for this fund.

Joe Harris asked for a clarification of the rights and duties of the Trustees. By law, the Trustees have a right to go ahead in doing the needful things about the buildings in cases of emergencies, but they wished to have the Meeting understand and approve. It was approved.

Ruthanna Pickering reported for the committee who called on the Summers's.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 12th month, 6th day, 1953.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

12th Month, 6th Day, 1953

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends

Meeting House, 12th month, 6th day, 1953 with an attendance of 54.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, questioned, and accepted.

Orval Pickett reported the morning average attendance of 138 and the evening 57.

The marriage of Joy Peters to Lester Norman on August was reported.

The birth of a daughter, Jana Lyn, on November 29, 1953 to Ures and Bonnie Copenhaver was reported.

The Ministry & Counsel recommended the following for membership and the Meeting approved:

Eunice and Robert Cooper, active members; Nancy and Deane, associate members. Committee to call: Walter and Pauline Mills and another couple.

Fred and June Phinney, active members; Dale, associate member. Committee to call: Charles and Elizabeth Cates and another couple.

Marvin Thornburg reported his committee unable to call so will report later.

Mildred Johnston reported the committee made the call on the Sumwalts in September.

{handwritten notation:} A request for transfer to First Friends, Indianapolis, Indiana was granted

A report of the Quarterly Meeting was made by Bessie Stine. She gave a detailed report stating that Kenneth Pickering had charge of the devotional service. Will Reagan gave the sermon. He stated there was a need for conversion to something as well as away from something. His great interest is in boys and girls of teen age. They need to develop sales resistance, but not cheap resistance. He recommended some pamphlets for study and use. The missionary offering was given. In the business meeting, two concerns about alcoholic beverage advertising and use were made known.

The Music Committee reported that the piano for \$300 was not acceptable. It was approved for the committee to go ahead in the purchase of a piano for \$675 leaving the selection up to the committee and for it to go ahead.

The financial report from the Trustees was read.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 1st month, 3rd day, 1954.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

{handwritten notation} Thelma Coble Leroy certificate returned.

1st Month, 3rd Day, 1954

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 1st month, 3rd day, 1954 with an attendance of 50.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read, questioned, and approved.

The Music Committee reported that a piano was purchased for \$1,145 on the agreement that \$300 be paid on delivery and the rest in ninety days. Marvin Thornburg reported that \$800 was paid on delivery since it was on hand.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance was 150 and the evening was 82.

The Ministry & Counsel recommended a revival meeting be held from March 7 to March 21 with Kenneth doing the preaching. Approved.

A request from the Cecil Bolinger family for removal of membership to Indianapolis Monthly Meeting was read and granted.

A request for transfer of membership to our Meeting from Mrs. E.R. Moroney was approved. Anna Smail is the committee to call.

Walter Mills family and the Nickey's reported the call on the Coopers made.

Walter Mills, chairman of the Statistical Committee, said the committee is making a card file of the membership. Also that he had purchased a new permanent record book in the loose leaf type at the cost of \$5.00. The Meeting approved paying for the cost of this.

It was approved to buy more durable paper for the minutes book.

Kenneth Pickering stated that the hand book he had made stating the duties of the committees was available and asked that each committee

chairman get sufficient for his committee. He also stated that the bulletins were in the process of being printed.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 2nd month, 7th day, 1954.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

{handwritten notation} Bolinger's receipt returned.

2nd Month, 7th Day, 1954

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 2nd month, 7th day, 1954, with an attendance of 52.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read; the item on our new piano was corrected to read \$300.00 on delivery. Minutes approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Marvin Thornburg reported we need \$140.00 to complete our piano fund, also that the radiator near the piano was turned off because too much heat was not good for the piano.

Anna Smail reported the call on Mrs. E.R. Moroney had been made.

Delegates appointed to the February Quarterly Meeting are: Bertha Heaston, Grace Keys, Lloyd Keys, Naomi Flatter, Eunice Cooper, Irene Thornburg, and Clyde Brumley.

The attendance for January was 130 for morning Meeting, 72 for evening.

The birth of a daughter, Sandra Sue, to Harold and Faye Mills was reported on January 17, 1954.

The deaths of Sandra Sue Mills on January 27, 1954 and Margaret Irene (Turner) Thornburg on January 28, 1954 {were reported}.

The request of Jeanette Earnest for membership was approved.

A request from Wilbur Kamp, Lois Kamp, Hettie Hunt, for removal of membership to Scipio Monthly Meeting, Poplar Ridge, New York, was read and granted.

A request from Jack Howe, Posey Howe, {and} Bobby Howe for removal of membership to the Saratoga E.U.B. Church was read and approved.

Cards were read in appreciation of clothing and gloves received by the American Friends Service Committee from our Meeting.

A letter from White's Institute was read thanking the Meeting for our support of their work.

Kenneth Boomer reported the Williams piano is being taken to the children's home as they approved of this action. Also, he asked for permission for the Trustees to sell the other piano; this was granted.

Kenneth Pickering reminded all of us that we needed to work and pray for our special meetings which start March 7, 1954.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again, 3rd month, 7th day, 1954.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Walter Mills, Acting Recording Clerk

{handwritten notation} Kamps certificate returned.

3rd Month, 7th Day, 1954

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 3rd month, 7th day, 1954 with an attendance of 50.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Marvin Thornburg reported there is \$94 yet to pay on the piano and the ninety days will be up the third week of March. Charles Cates explained that the conditions which had not been suitable had been corrected seemingly. Marvin stated that no one had been solicited, so felt that contacting those who had not contributed, the amount would be raised. Meeting approved this action.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance was 127 and the evening as 54.

Deaths reported were Everett Helms, and Gregory Davis on February 12, 1954.

The Quarterly Meeting report was given by Bertha Heaston. She reported that the devotions were in charge of Marcel Thornburg and Robert Jones. The message given by Errol Elliott told of the conditions in Africa. Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering closed the

worship service with a song. The business meeting concerned the matters of business of the day. There were expressions of appreciation for the report.

Transfer of membership of the following were approved:

Priscilla C. Kamp Kruse to Scipio Monthly Meeting, Poplar Ridge, New York.

Robert E. Hiatt to Chicago Friends Meeting, 10759 Artesian Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read. A vote of thanks was given to Stella Mason for her faithful, efficient work.

Elizabeth Tuttle reported that from the Missionary Conference it was stated that the Beeson's fund was over \$7,000 now. Ruthanna suggested that since our contribution was not very generous we might help more with much needed secondary school.

The Girl Scouts attended this morning's worship service and Orval reported the attendance at 286.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 4th month, 4th day, 1954.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

{handwritten notation} Priscilla Kruse certificate returned.

4th Month, 4th Day, 1954

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 4th month, 4th day, 1954 with an attendance of 48. {8 children}

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Marvin Thornburg reported that the piano company had given thirty more days since the piano was not in acceptable condition when delivered. Charles Cates suggested that the balance be paid before the thirty days are up if the amount is available since the piano is all right now. Marvin said he would see that the balance to be paid would be taken care of.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning as 185 and evening 109. The average evening attendance for the revival services

was 82 for the ten days.

Statistical report:

The death of Ora K. Moore on March 8, 1954.

The marriage of Emil Martz and Marjorie Kaufman on March 20, 1954.

The Ministry & Counsel reported the following for membership:

Karen Comer - Committee to call: Frances Thornburg
Gernell Owens - Committee to call: Ruthanna Pickering
Lester Norman - Committee to call: Caroline Vaupel
Delphia Bullock - Committee to call: Estella Moore
Florence Haworth (from Rural Friends) - Committee to call:
Estella Moore and Delphia Bullock
Blanche Weimer (from Winchester Nazarene Church) - Committee
to call: Helen Thornhill
Betty Weimer (from Winchester Nazarene Church) - Committee to
call: Helen Thornhill

The following requests were granted:

Patricia Harbour Kitzmiller to the Winchester Presbyterian Church.

Max and June Phelps to the Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceburg,
Indiana.

Ida Bailey and Hattie Young were reported in the hospital.

Raymond Robinson expressed a desire that this minute be recorded in
appreciation for the work of Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering in the
Revival.

Lena Bales made known a request from the Ministry & Counsel that we do
more than we have been doing for the boys in service. Charles Cates
suggested we might send a letter. He will be responsible for getting
the {sample from Indianapolis of the} letter he knew about.

Kenneth Pickering spoke of his concern for the mid-week prayer
meeting. He said that unless new people come, it will not grow.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet again
5th month, 2nd day, 1954.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

5th Month, 2nd Day, 1954

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 5th month, 2nd day, 1954 with an attendance of 49.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Marvin Thornburg reported that the piano was taken care of.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance as 180 and the evening as 118.

The death of John L. Payne (Dick) on April 12, 1954 was reported.

Calls on Delphia Bullock and Florence Haworth were made by Estella Moore.

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting are as follows: Orval and Nellie Pickett, Robert Cooper, Pauline Mills, Helen Thornhill, Bertha Heaston, Frances and Alice Peacock, Estella Moore, Raymond and Chloe Robinson.

The names approved for the Nominating Committee for the Quarterly Meeting were Estella Moore and Edna Hinshaw.

The name of Esther Bright was suggested for Yearly Meeting delegate.

The Ministry & Counsel presented the following recommendations:

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Meeting of Ministry & Counsel in conjunction with the Finance Committee that we continue Kenneth Pickering as our Pastor for another year beginning September 1, 1954 at a salary of \$75.00 per week, fuel for parsonage, and vacation with pay. Approved.

To discontinue the following because of inability to locate the following: Joseph B. Andrews, Maurice Bortner, Thelma Haviland, Helen Haviland, Charles Huston, Maude Johnson, Alvin Johnson, Richard Johnson, Ethel Peden, Florence Petty, Sarah A. Scott, Charles Shigley, Harold Shigley, and Ruth Shigley.

To discontinue the following by their own request: Lester Horner, Howard Potts, Harriett Potts, Eugene Potts, Francis Potts, Johanna Potts, Alice E. Potts, William H. Diggs, Russell D. Yost, Virginia Edwards, and Christina Hinshaw Guena.

It was approved these names be dropped.

The State of Society report was read. Appreciation of the report was expressed.

Walter Mills was named as chairman of the Nominating Committee.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 6th month, 6th day, 1954.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

6th Month, 6th Day, 1954

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 6th month, 6th day, 1954 with an attendance of 42.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Frances Thornburg reported the call on Karen Comer was made.

Helen Thornhill reported the call on Blanche Weimer and Betty Weimer was made.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance as 116 and the evening as 46.

Frances Peacock reported on the Quarterly Meeting mentioning the work of Lena Bales in the children's work. She gave a detailed report on the sermon, the theme of which was "Challenge of Youth Today" which was given by Xen Harvey of Fairmount. Orval Pickett and Clyde Brumley commented on the Quarterly Meeting.

There was a request for transfer of Richard Gray to the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon.

The acknowledgement of Louise Phistner uniting with the Main Street Christian Church was read.

Nominating Committee members for the year of 1954 and 1955 are:

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| Walter Mills: | Monthly Meeting |
| Olive Cover: | Quaker Girls |
| Grace Keys: | Golden Band Class |
| Marjorie Carter: | William Penn Class |
| Mildred Johnston: | Jr. Dept. of Sunday School |

Samuel Hinshaw: Quaker Men
Caroline Vaupel: Y.M.P. {Young Married People's} Class
Clifford Tuttle: Meeting on Ministry & Counsel
Esther Bright: Women's Society

Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering accepted the call for the following year.

Visiting Friends from New Garden Meeting in North Carolina were Bill and Maxine Brandon and daughter Brenda and Joan Teag.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 7th month, 4th day, 1954.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Achsa Bailey, Asst. Recording Clerk

7th Month, 4th Day, 1954

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 7th month, 4th day, 1954 with an attendance of about 35.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance as 101 and the evening as 90.

The birth of a daughter, Teresa Louise, on June 15, 1954 to William and Alice Warnes was reported.

Mary Honour requested membership on confession of faith. Approved. The committee to call is John and Bessie Stine.

Ruthanna Pickering was appointed as alternate to Yearly Meeting in case Esther Bright could not attend.

The report of the Nomination/Nominating Committee was read and approved. Kenneth noted that the chairmen had all been contacted and accepted.

Marietta Hollingsworth has gone to the Richmond Meeting.

Ralph Fisher donated a drinking fountain to the Sunday School and Kenneth Boomer helped to install. A note of thanks should be sent to both.

Marvin Thornburg brought up the question as to whether the Trustees

had the approval to go ahead with any necessary repairs. A mention of this has been made previously. They do have the approval as of Monthly Meeting of November 1, 1953.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 8th month, 1st day, 1954.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk pro tem

8th Month, 1st Day, 1954

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 8th month, 1st day, 1954 with an attendance of 40.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance as 92 and the evening as 32.

Statistical report as follows:

A daughter, Joy Kathleen, to Joy and Lester Norman, Jr. on July 4, 1954.

By adoption, a son, Scott Anthony, to Faye and Harold Mills on June 11, 1954.

Yearly summaries and reports from the following were read: Golden Band Class, Quaker Girls, Home Department, Music Committee, and Missionary Committee.

The Finance Committee presented the budget for the coming year and it was approved.

Bessie Stine reported the call on Mary Honour was made and Caroline Vaupel reported the call on Lester Norman, Jr. had been made.

The Meeting of Ministry & Counsel reported that they had given Kenneth {Pickering} the privilege of using his own judgment on how many Revival Meetings in other Meetings he would conduct. Monthly Meeting approved.

The Quarterly Meeting delegates are Bessie Stine, Vada Coon, Florence Hinshaw, Marvin Thornburg, and Irene Thornburg.

Estella Moore expressed her appreciation for the Meeting letting her

be the {Presiding} Clerk for three years. Words of appreciation for her service were spoken.

Kenneth Boomer spoke of the necessary repairs to the basement windows, gutter repairs, and the pointing up on the outside. Marvin Thornburg said that Chester Hobbick would look at the project.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 9th month, 5th day, 1954.

Estella Moore, Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

9th Month, 5th Day, 1954

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 9th month, 5th day, 1954 with an attendance of 51.

Gordon Keys reported that Delight Jones was improving.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance as 92.

The marriage of Judy Harris and Ivan Wagner on August 15, 1954 was reported.

Bessie Stine gave a report of the Quarterly Meeting. She mentioned that the Nominating Committee presented the same presiding officers. One point that she emphasized was that in recommending a delegate to Quarterly Meeting for Yearly Meeting was that an alternate should be named also since this Quarterly Meeting has ten representatives and seven alternates. She gave a detailed report of the reports and the sermon.

From the Ministry & Counsel: By their own request, the following names are to be removed from our books: Russell Cox, Henrietta Iliff Cox, Roger Allen Cox, and Sarah Ann Cox. Walter Mills reported that the Presiding Elder for the coming year is Lena Bales, and the Recording Elder {is} Vada Coon.

Esther Bright gave a report of the Yearly Meeting. She mentioned some of the points of the morning devotions which were given each morning by Frank Laubach, one being learn to live together in love. From the Richmond office of the A.F.S.C., 58,000 pounds have been sent. From White's Institute 11,000 boys and girls have been influenced and that

they have found that the most important part of the work is the follow up work. It ranks tops in the country for this type of work. There was a recommendation that Quaker Haven be used to capacity. Judge Osborn from Grant County gave a talk on his work concerning divorce which is a result and not a cause. The Junior Yearly Meeting presented a program showing what they had been doing and gave a check to Dr. Laubach for the literacy work. A new Meeting at Fairborn and a home for retired ministers was discussed as was the legislative program by E. Raymond Wilson. Ruthanna told of the talk by Dr. Roethe and Charles Cates reported about 400 men attended the Quaker Men's Banquet.

Yearly reports from the following were read: Service Committee, Women's Society, and Christian Education. Appreciation was expressed.

Statistical report was postponed until next month.

Gordon Keys, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

10th Month, 3rd Day, 1954

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 10th month, 3rd day, 1954 with an attendance of 54.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Walter Mills reported the sixty-third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fields on September 27, 1954.

The yearly statistical report was given by Walter Mills.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance as 118 and the evening as 37.

The Treasurer's monthly and yearly reports were read and accepted.

From the Ministry & Counsel, Kenneth Pickering read a paper on the Duties of Elders, which emphasized that it was a spiritual ministry, not a position to be held.

Kenneth Boomer, reporting for the Trustees, stated that the work already finished on the outside of the building amounted to \$710 and they felt that the north side needed work; therefore they planned to stop at the Sunday School room, do the north side, and let the tower go since it did not need to be done. The money available will not be sufficient. Gordon Keys, as chairman of the Finance {Committee}, presented the plan to make up the necessary amount by voluntary

contributions. This was approved. The money may be handed to any member of the Finance Committee or the Treasurer.

Charles Cates called attention to the Peace Meeting scheduled for this Meeting House on October, 15, 1954, under the direction of E. Raymond Wilson, who is the Executive Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, Washington, D.C. He urged everyone present to be present.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again the 11th month, 7th day, 1954.

Gordon Keys, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

11th Month, 7th Day, 1954

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 11th month, 7th day, 1954 with an attendance of 49.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

For the building fund to finish paying for the work already done, approximately \$880 is needed yet and a new leak has been sighted which foretells more needed repairs.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance as 126 and the evening as 46.

The deaths of Miles Furnas on October 7, 1954 and that of Eva Phistner on October 20, 1954 were reported.

A letter from the Spiceland Meeting expressing appreciation for our sharing of our Pastor for their series of meetings was read.

A letter was read from the Rural Life Association announcing conferences to be held, one at Quaker Hill, Richmond, on November 11, 1954, giving some of the details of the program.

Delegates appointed to Quarterly Meeting were: Walter Mills, Florence Haworth, Helen Thornhill, Raymond and Chloe Robinson.

Kenneth Pickering was asked to give a report of the Spiceland Meeting, which he did. There were expressions of appreciation.

John Stine, suffering from a light stroke, was reported improving in

the hospital.

Walter Mills expressed appreciation for the work of the Assistant Presiding Clerk during the absence of the Presiding Clerk.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 12th month, 5th day, 1954.

Gordon Keys, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

12th Month, 5th Day, 1954

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 12th month, 5th day, 1954 with an attendance of 44.

The opening minute was read after which the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Cards of appreciation were read from the families of Richard Wood, Mrs. Melvin Onkst, and I.L. Furnas.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for morning worship was 128 and for evening 50.

The death of George White on November 14, 1954 was reported.

Communications have been received asking that the following names be dropped: Charlene Thornburg, Edith Miller Griffer.

From the Ministry & Counsel a concern for greeting of strangers who attend our services. It was stated that it was a duty of the Social Committee.

Walter Mills gave a report of the Quarterly Meeting. He stated that Laura Fetters lead in the worship service; R. Ernest Lamb gave the spiritual aspects of the American Friends Service Committee; William Fuson gave an outline of the duties of the Peace and Service Committee, and urged the taking of the Washington Newsletter. The mission offering amounted to \$63.43. R. Ernest Lamb reported the office building was progressing nicely.

Gordon Keys, as Finance Committee Chairman, reported there was enough money contributed to pay the debts with a \$14 balance {as} of this morning.

Announcement of Fairborn Day was made which is the day of the

establishing of a new Meeting at Fairborn, Ohio. Those planning to attend were Walter and Pauline Mills, Marvin and Irene Thornburg, Estella Mason, Gordon and Eloise Keys, Helen Thornhill, Bertha Heaston, Fred and Estella Moore, Esther Bright, and Vada Coon.

Marvin Thornburg reported on the plans for a Home for Older People. He read the questions and wished to get the response of the Meeting concerning the matter. He stated that it was planned for all Friends, not just ministers, and even those outside if they were able to financially support it. A place suggested was at White's Institute because of the availability of ground and it does have the approval of that committee, however, it would be a separate institution. Expressions for the need of such a home were made by some members. Our Meeting approved of a Home for Older People.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 1st month, 2nd day, 1955.

Gordon Keys, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

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