

CORINTH MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

IVOR, VIRGINIA

WILLIAM R. NEAVE

William Rufus Neave, a son of Charles Edward Neave, sr. and Linnie Raiford Neave, was born in Hughsville, Maryland, Twelfth Month 9, 1913, and moved to Southampton County, Virginia with his parents in early childhood. He lived in the Corinth community from that time until, after a brief illness, he died, first month 20, 1960. His father and two brothers, Walter Haviland Neave and Charles Edward Neave, Jr. survive him.

William Rufus Neave was a birthright member of the Religious Society of Friends. He was graduated from Guilford College in 1935 and studied briefly at William and Mary College and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Subsequent to his study, he taught high school children for two years, before returning to the Corinth area where he cared for his farmland until the time of his death.

At the time of his passing, William R. Neave was serving Friends in many capacities. He was the Assistant Presiding Clerk of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Homewood, Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee and Cooperating Committee, and an active member of several other committees within the Baltimore Yearly Meetings, as well as in the Virginia Quarterly Meeting. Simultaneously, he was serving his home meeting, Corinth Monthly Meeting, as the Presiding Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, as well as in many other invaluable ways. In 1945 and 1950 he was a representative to Five Years Meeting from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and in 1952 he was appointed a delegate by Baltimore Yearly Meeting to the Friends World Conference, Oxford, England. William R. Neave also served as Clerk of the Virginia Quarterly Meeting of Friends for nine years until 1958. This last was, perhaps, his most notable contribution to the Society of Friends, although William R. Neave's sacrificial efforts in many phases of Friends testimonies, concerns, and organizations were too numerous and too humbly executed to be truly valued by men.

William R. Neave's Christian convictions followed him into every part of his daily life. Any need on the part of a neighbor, irrespective of creed, race, or social standing was adequate call for William to abandon his own interests, and to apply his many talents to his neighbors' problems.

"And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: This is the first commandment. And the second is like unto it, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-34

"...the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed by the name of the Lord."

Job 1:21