

AT BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS - HOMEWOOD
Held 10th month, 29th, 1953

There were 22 members present.

The Minutes of the Meeting held 9th month, 24th, 1953 were read and approved.

The first draft of the Minute on the death of Howard M. Hoge, prepared by the Clerk, as directed by the Meeting in Ninth month, was amended, as follows:

"Homewood Monthly Meeting records with deep regret the death, on Ninth Month 20th, 1953 of Howard M. Hoge.

While his membership was lodged with this Monthly Meeting only in his later and less active years, he was a familiar figure to Homewood Friends in Quarterly and Yearly Meeting sessions, and we came to know, admire and love him during his long period of faithful service for the Kingdom of God on earth. A recognized Minister of the Gospel and a staunch supporter of the cause of total abstinence, he was for years a mainstay of the Lincoln, Virginia Monthly Meeting and a source of strength for Baltimore Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. Those of us who were privileged to visit in his home at Lincoln can never forget the gracious hospitality and warmth of fellowship radiated by Howard and Sara Hoge. We minute his passing with a real sense of loss, yet with thanksgiving for the splendid example of a Christian life that he set for us."

The Maryland Committee on Interracial Problems and Relations write us, asking help in the Community Survey, and sent five cards for signatures of persons willing to make a house to house canvas. They ask that these cards be returned before Thanksgiving. The Social Order Committee was requested to give further consideration to the project.

Katharine A.W. Simon and Harriet Tyson report favorably, as well as Margaret Winslow and Margaret M. Hunter on their interview with Cecilia Coale VanHollen, and Monthly Meeting is glad to welcome her as a member of Friends. Thomas W.Y. Clark and J. Hollowell Parker have visited with David Otis Ives, and as their report is favorable, Baltimore Monthly Meeting feels that the way is clear for Cecilia Coale VanHollen and Davis Otis Ives to unite in marriage, after the custom of Friends. The wedding date selected was 11th month 28th, but this has been changed to 12th month 12th, which date is satisfactory to Friends, and a meeting for Worship will be appointed at 4:30 P.M. of that date. Cecilia C. VanHollen and Donald VanHollen, parents, in a communication to Monthly Meeting, request the following persons to oversee the wedding:

Byron Branson	J. Hollowell Parker	Katharine W. Taylor
James Hunter	Eleanor Richardson	Harriet Tyson

In addition, Monthly Meeting appointed:

Margaret Winslow	Thomas W.Y. Clark	Margaret M. Hunter
Katharine A.W. Simon,	Edna Goodwin	

As Mary P. Michel cannot serve on the Nominating Committee, that Committee was asked to bring forward suggestions at next Monthly Meeting and name a person to serve.

Thanksgiving Day occurs 11th month 26th, the time of Monthly Meeting. We approved to meet 11th month, 19th, a week earlier.

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According to a communication received from Donald F. Beede, Clark, Elsie Tollefson Carter has been received into membership with Whitewater Monthly Meeting of Friends.

A very full report of the Joint Social Order Committee was read and accepted.

The Institute on Human Relations was attended by Doris Shamleffer, and a written account was read and approved.

The Guilford College A Capella Choir would like to visit Homewood Meeting in Third month, preferably between the 20th and 30th. We are not ready to give a definite statement at this time, but are sympathetic to their project.

We stand behind our Public Morals Committee in sending out letters to the membership urging that we protest the sale of beer in the Municipal Stadium. Baltimore Monthly Meeting also will write letters, to be sent to officials whose names are suggested in the letter which the Public Morals Committee sent out, expressing our views.

A verbal report of West Baltimore Preparative Meeting was received from Vera Shank.

When the new Judge, who is to take Judge Chestnut's place is appointed, the Meeting feels that one of our members should discuss with him the application of the law pertaining to Conscientious Objectors. This was referred to the Peace Committee to select our representative.

The Meeting then adjourned, to meet 11th month, 19th, at 7:30 P.M.

J. Hollowell Parker (Clerk)
Louis C. Mueller (Rec. Clerk)