

## INDIAN PROGRESS

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More Summer Newsgrams, 1938.  
Extracts from July-August Reports.

Vacation trips carried our missionary workers far and wide this summer, and made possible many helpful contacts. In between trips, vacation visitors were entertained in Oklahoma, also, including Martha Brobst, summer volunteer worker from West Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Turner of Homewood Meeting, Baltimore, and Peter F. Y. Shih, of Nanking, China. To Peter Shih, "Chinese Missionary to America," we give special gratitude for the spiritual inspiration brought to hundreds, and in one meeting thousands, both Whites and Indians, during his 12 day visit, to our Kickapoo, Wyandotte and Seneca Council House Centers in August. Speaking 20 times, before Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, union church services and others, in seven near-by cities and towns as well as at one of the largest Indian dances of the year and in our Mission churches, he made a deep impression on all who heard him. To Alice Weed, we give special thanks, also, for arranging Peter Shih's visit, scheduling his many appointments and providing for his transportation. Both Peter Shih and Alice Weed are members of the Christian Mission Fellowship (formerly the Hartford Mission Fellowship) in which several Friends are deeply interested.

With regret we lost Alice Weed from our staff at the end of August. She is expecting to cooperate during the coming year in a new project, undertaken by the Christian Mission Fellowship, in an eastern State. The Women's Missionary Union has chosen Edith Woodard Mackie, wife of W. Worth Mackie, as their new missionary representative among the Indians and she will receive the support of the Missionary Union Joy Fund. It is very encouraging to have this support for one on our regular staff which we hope will make more effective work possible among the Osages.

Au Revoir from Alice Weed

July was taken up largely with writing Harvey Wallace stories and helping Westine and Arthur Shufelt with the work at Council House. When I returned to McLoud the last part of July I helped arrange a schedule for Peter Y. F. Shih, of Nanking, China. He spoke to large groups at the Mission twice, to a union service in McLoud, and to about 3000 people in Oklahoma City. Three Rotary Clubs invited him to come and a Chapel near McLoud. One night he spoke at the largest Kickapoo Indian dance of the year. There were Indians of several tribes present.

My father came to spend a week with me at McLoud and was able to help a little while the Byerlys were on a short vacation for a few days. It seems impossible for me to realize that I have been here for over a year and that now I am leaving again. I have learned much from the people and workers here. Their fellowship has influenced me very much and I hope I may never lose contact with Friends and their work, for I share their ideals and feel that I am a part of the work here.

Report for Seneca Council House  
By Arthur and Westine Shufelt

This is written September 3rd, somewhere in Illinois at "Red Top" tourist camp, on a short vacation trip. At home there was no time for



writing, and even uninterrupted nights are unusual. For instance, last week we were awakened three nights in the wee hours, first to get a doctor, 30 miles drive; next to hear of a death and help plan for a funeral; and last time to accept a nice string of bass and channel cat fish!

The first week-end of August was Quarterly Meeting at Miami. We went all three days and succeeded in getting all our appointed representatives to go by lending one of the women a pair of shoes. Otherwise she could not have attended. Some of the new members went for the first time. On Sunday, after our morning meeting here, the Christian Endeavorers and several of their parents ate lunch at the church and then 27 loaded in a school bus and attended the afternoon session of Quarterly Meeting, hearing Dr. David M. Edwards from Friends University. Since then we have heard several making plans to go to Friends University. They are only in the grades as yet, but who knows what they may do. Incidentally, they brought home the Quarterly Meeting Christian Endeavor attendance banner. In spite of heat our meetings have all been well attended, Sunday School running about 45. For Monthly Meeting we had a house full and overflowing as Peter Shih, Chinese Missionary to America, spoke. Several went to Wyandotte Sunday morning to hear him again.

The big annual gathering of the Senecas called the Green Corn Feast came about the middle of the month. Many Indians camped most of the month and we did much of our visiting with them in camp. A great number from other tribes camped with them, some from as far as Canada. These put on different kinds of dances, attracting huge crowds of people, especially at night. Mr. and Mrs. Turner of Baltimore, dropped in unexpectedly and were much entertained by the Indian camp and dances. Another interested Friend, John Chappel, from John Browns University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, paid us a short visit.

There have been the usual experiences of helping get the children ready for school, tonsil operations, glasses fitted, and clothes made ready. We still are called on to help plan and advise, but we can see decided advancement in the parent's knowing how to do these things themselves, many of them looking far enough ahead to start these things on time. Arthur has managed to sandwich in quite a lot of work on the house, has finished the inside brick work and mantel piece for the fireplace, with book cases on both sides, has shellaced and varnished all wood-work and we have papered four rooms which makes a lot of difference in the inside appearance. We put in quite a lot of fall garden but it has been too dry for it to grow much. Dry weather has again cut corn and all late feed crops very short this year.

Osage Report by Worth and Edith Mackie  
For July and August

The attendance at Sunday School in July fell off considerably, but not as much as last year. There was only one Sunday in the month when we had less than twenty there. We closed Sunday School for the summer with the last Sunday in July. We gave five pins for the nine months attendance, but there was really only one that had perfect record. Other activities of the month were the performance of a marriage ceremony, participation in a prohibition play, and speaking to the Kiwanis Club. The marriage was that of William Russell's son, Silas, to a Kiowa Indian girl. The prohibition play was in the form of a court trial, put on by the Ministerial Association of Hominy. Every church in town except the Baptist and Catholic took part. The method of a court trial was most effective to put over the total effect



of drinking. Worth played the part of the saloon keeper and was said to have done it like a real bar tender, which we did not consider flattering. Edith's speech before the Kiwanis Club was the high light of the month. She spoke on "Child Psychology" and rated a front page write up in the local paper.

August

Before we left Oklahoma, for our vacation we spent ten days at the Kickapoo Mission demolishing part of an old barn. We also made the acquaintance of the four peace caravanners at the Farmers Union Picnic at Kickapoo Mission, August 5. Our vacation officially began August 10. We drove out through the desolate country around Woodward and up into Kansas by way of Liberal and Garden City. Four days were spent sight seeing in Colorado. First we went to Canon City, saw the Royal Gorge, and then to Colorado Springs and to the top of Pikes Peak. We were just American tourists. However, we did go to the Friends Meeting in Colorado Springs. On August 16 we met with a group of twenty young Friends from Nebraska Yearly Meeting at Silver Plume. I led a discussion group on "Practical Christianity." Edith was chief cook and Beverly was mascot. She had a grand time along with the rest of us. We found these youngsters a very likeable group. We also met and enjoyed the fellowship of Mary K. Andrews of Nebraska Central College. Cecil Hinshaw was the leader and planner of the conference.

The next week was spent in a cabin up on the side of a mountain above Evergreen. It was a real delight to have a whole week to ourselves. On Sunday we drove 30 miles to the Denver Meeting and heard Cecil Hinshaw give his farewell sermon. We enjoyed the meeting very much, met several people and enjoyed the hospitality of some. Lawrence and Dorothy Auld drove down to Denver from Cheyenne, Wyoming to see us. One of the most delightful events of the trip was an over-night stop with Daniel and Elizabeth Marsh Jenson, in their ranch home out on an eastern Colorado prairie. We arrived back in Oklahoma the last day of the month.

#### Kickapoo Report by William and Marian Byerly

August was a hot, dry month with us. We went to Hominy on Sunday July 31st and returned Monday, August 1st, via Stillwater, Edmonds, and Oklahoma City, visiting the Cobbs and the Agricultural Department at A & M College; saw the peace caravanners in Edmonds; and Amoringers, Farmers' Union and Jack Bays in Oklahoma City. Worth Mackie came to Kickapoo with us to dismantle the old barn and worked until Tuesday evening, August 9th. Monthly Meeting at Big Jim and the Community picnic hindered our barn program, but were important events in our program. Our Community picnic was a success and we made temporary appointments of representatives of 9 rural organizations to form a Community Council to hold more similar affairs. Large numbers of young people continued to attend our Wednesday recreational evenings. Many got started coming from the city. The near-by Indian young people were always on hand even though they were a minority, and several Indians from a distance attended off and on.

We took five days for a vacation trip to Rochdale, Miss. to see the Sherwood Eddy Delta Cooperative farms and to visit Wilber Youngs and the Treadways. We pulled the trailer and took Marian's brother and two of his children as well as Martha Brobst, who went on East from Rochdale. Enroute home we visited the Cooperative Farms at Dick Lake, Arkansas (under the Farm Security Administration) and the Commonwealth Labor College at Mena, Arkansas. This was genuine recreation and very profitable to ourselves and our work. We returned home the same day that our Chinese visitor, Peter Shih arrived. He made



his headquarters here, speaking twice there and once in McLoud as well as Oklahoma City, Norman, Shawnee and Seminole. His visit was a real inspiration to all who heard him. A group of young people came and surprised William on his birthday, August 25, and made lots of ice cream.

We received applications from the Jack Bays family of Oklahoma City, requesting membership with Friends here. We have visited with the family, talked with others who know them and feel we are gaining some people who will make good Quakers. They have fell in line with Friends for sometime. The son and daughter who are also requesting membership are unusually fine and alert. We are now hearing of others who are interested. Wood cutting, discing for more alfalfa, and considerable more canning by Indian women here have occupied much of our time.

#### Wyandotte Report by George and Helen Hardin

August, Roasting Corn Moon month, found the Hardins on the run, abroad and at home. We left Wyandotte July 11th, visited three work camps and Knoxville Meeting, spent two weeks with George's family in North Carolina, visiting many Friends, and generally enjoying fried chicken and four or five hours of sleep a night. Friends in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, and New York, and some lesser cities, seemed to try to out-do one another in cordiality, and in Maine, magnificently filled by two of Rufus Jones' incomparable sermons and an all-evenings talk with them we rested and slept. On August 14th we left, drove through some of America's most beautiful scenery, - southern New Hampshire and Vermont, and to Aberdeen Refugee Camp. From there we went to Tunesassa Indian School, then to Penn-Craft and its work camp, then to Wilmington Yearly Meeting. Then two days with Ruthanna Simms in Richmond, and we returned to Wyandotte August 22nd. We think we established some kind of a record by staying with Friends or friends every night of our 5,655 miles except the last night, near St. Louis. Thank-you letters can hardly convey our feelings, for we have a new life and a new love for Friends and their work. We feel refreshed and return to our work with increased joy and ambition. We feel we have grown a great deal in the year we have been here and on our vacation. We realize now that no amount of experience and training is ever adequate for work here.

On the 25th, Peter Shih, an old Hartford Seminary schoolmate and Chinese missionary to America, came to visit us for a week, accompanied by Alice Weed. Peter preached twice in Wyandotte, and Miami, and once each in Council House, Grove and Fairland. He made a profound contribution. Outsiders can hardly realize just how inbred and narrow parts of our great country can sometimes be. Peter helped broaden and deepen religious and intellectual life.