

JACKSONVILLE MONTHLY MEETING
Annual Report to the
SOUTHEASTERN YEARLY MEETING

Jacksonville Monthly Meeting holds meeting for worship and First Day school simultaneously at 11:00 on Sundays in space rented for the past three years in a changing neighborhood. Our actual membership has increased by one adult and one associate during the year, while our number of attending families has increased by three, all of whom hold memberships in other yearly meetings.

Due to the increase in the number of children we've returned to the two classes still with a very wide age range from 2 years to 15 years. We've lost the regular attendance of our 19 year olds who have gone off to college.

It may be of interest to note that one of the above mentioned families holding membership in another area sought dual membership as outlined in our SEM statement on membership adopted last yearly meeting, but the original monthly meeting did not feel this would be in conformance with their own guiding Faith and Practice. Nevertheless the family continues to be very much a part of us without the formality of dual membership.

We have continued having a half hour's discussion followed by a period of silent worship. For many months we used Harry Emerson Fosdick's collection of Rufus Jones writings entitled Speaks to our Times. This month we are initiating another source of discussion material by all families reading both Quaker Life and Friends Journal.

Some of our meeting continue to be active in other organizations such as a Methodist Community Center in a Negro subdivision, in the Council on Human Relations, and one of our girls worked for several weeks in the Wider Horizon program.

The Cuban family the meeting sponsored has remained self-sustaining and has gone through the process of leaving the country (at Toronto) and re-entering immediately so that they could have the kind of immigrant visa that will in five years allow them to become American citizens. The special visa issued to the refugees does not permit eventual citizenship.

One of our members has been asked to be a member of the executive committee of the Southeastern Regional Office of AFSC in High Point and is trying to make the almost monthly meetings in order to learn more of their activities and problems.

Traveling speakers have been few but interesting. Levinus Painter's recent tour included Jacksonville. Russell Branson reported to us on recent activities of the AFSC in various parts of the world. Dr. Harold Bosley, main speaker at one of the five Conferences on World Order held in various Florida cities, was guided by AFSC and was heard by some of our members though we had nothing to do with the wonderful local arrangements. We also had the Quebec to Guantanamo Marchers of the Committee for Non Violent Action when the group was passing through our city.

It has been a good year for us and we feel greatly strengthened by the increase in the number of attending families.

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