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PREFACE

Last year the Chairman of this organization appointed a committee to prepare a history of this Fellowship. That committee consists of the following: L. H. Jobe, Miss Iola Moore and Miss Eula Williamson. (I would like the present chairman to add Betsy Cox and Dale Blosser to this committee, and suggest that the Board appoint an archivist as soon as possible.)

Since appointment, the committee has been collecting material to be used as sources of information to include in the document. We had not finished that task, nor made an outline or written a word, until about three weeks ago, upon insistence of our Program Chairman, I agreed to tell you something of our history.

Without consulting too much with other members of the committee, I began work immediately trying to bring together the material on hand in some sort of organizational pattern. Due to lack of time, I have not succeeded in ~~the~~ preparing a finished product, and for that reason this paper is labeled as "tentative," and in reality it is simply a collection and arrangement of materials--not prepared for a talk. I, therefore, ask you to keep that in mind as you listen. Today, I will read as much of this paper within the time allotted, skipping over some as I go along. I solicit your suggestions after I have used up the time, so please make mental notes, or otherwise, as I proceed.

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BEGINNINGS

Justly in your mind
In ~~the summer of 1949~~, two women in attendance at a sewing meeting being held at the Wiley School became acquainted and in the course of their conversation the question of church affiliation came up.

"I am an Episcopalian," said the first woman, "What is your church denomination?"

"I am a Unitarian," said the second woman.

"Then, you must meet my sister," said the first. "She is also a Unitarian."

Those two women were the late Mrs. McIntyre, sister of Miss Iola Moore, and Mrs. Harriet Doar, then ~~Society~~ Editor of The News and Observer, now living in Charlotte.

Suffice it to say that these two women did meet, talked about Unitarianism, and having learned of the inauguration of the Fellowship Program by the American Unitarian Association, decided that they would try to organize a fellowship in Raleigh. These two women, Miss Moore and Mrs. Doar, talked with a number of their friends who they thought would be interested in such a fellowship; and being further encouraged, they wrote to Mr. Munroe Husbands of the headquarters office, under whose direction fellowships were being organized throughout the nation, for further advice and help.

Following this groundwork, it was agreed that Mr. Husbands would come to Raleigh and help to organize a ^{Unitarian} ~~Raleigh~~ Fellowship. Therefore, a planning meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. (before it was remodeled) on the State College campus (now North Carolina State University) early in the fall of 1949. This meeting was

attended by Munroe Husbands of Boston, Mrs. Doar, Miss Moore, Mr. George Penny, a reporter for The News and Observer, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Jobe, and a number of others whom we are unable to name. ^{Miss} ~~Harriet~~ Doar served as temporary chairman. At this meeting, it was learned that a fellowship could be formed with ten or more members. It was agreed by those present that further efforts would be made to organize such a fellowship in Raleigh.

And thus it was that these first few persons and a number of their friends interested in a liberal religion met on November 14, 1949, in the Sir Walter Hotel to organize the Unitarian Fellowship of Raleigh, to adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, and to elect the first officers.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This first constitution, called "By-Laws," consisted of eight articles:

Article I provided for the name, "The Unitarian Fellowship of Raleigh." (This name was changed in April 1963 to "The Unitarian-Universalist ^{Fellowship} ~~Association~~ of Raleigh.)

Article II stated the purpose of the Fellowship in the following words: "The purpose of this Fellowship is to bring religious liberals into closer acquaintance and cooperation in order to foster liberal religious attitudes and living."
^{The wording of}
 This article was ~~changed~~ ^{in the 1971} in 1957 to the wording in the present constitution, ^{made} as follows: "The purpose of this ~~society~~ ^{organization} shall be to provide through fellowship the experience and knowledge

necessary for the formulation of a religion or philosophy based on freedom and responsibility of belief, reason, and the evaluation of ideas."

Article III concerning Membership states that "Any person may become a voting member of this Fellowship who is in sympathy with its purpose and program." A later amendment added the words "as signified by his signature on the membership roll." (The wording of this original article resulted in some discussion, and its adoption caused one person, who claimed Unitarian affiliation, not to join the Raleigh organization. *Article III of the original Constitution and Program of the Fellowship may become obsolete.*) Article IV, on Denominational Affiliations, although worded slightly different, remains the same in meaning as originally adopted. *The membership roll should be maintained.*

Article V, in the original Constitution (By-Laws), provided for meetings. Since this original document was written as a combination Constitution - By-Laws, this article provided regular meetings, the annual meeting with mention of business to be transacted in the call, and what constituted a quorum. In the present Constitution "Meetings shall be held as provided in the By-Laws." *Article V of the original Constitution and Program of the Fellowship may become obsolete.*

Article VI provided for the officers, who were chosen by ballot at the Annual Meeting. These officers were: a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer. Together they constituted the Executive Committee. This article also provided for "a nominating committee of three members elected by the Fellowship not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting." The Executive Committee,

under this Article, had general charge of the property of the Fellowship, conducted its business affairs, and controlled its administration, including the appointment of such committees as deemed necessary. It also filled vacancies. As you well know, Article VI of our present Constitution (last adopted March 16, 1966) under the title of "Government" is radically different from this original version.

Article VII provided that the fiscal year should end April 30. This date is now June 30, changed July 29, 1962.

Article VIII on Amendments, although worded slightly different, is substantially the same in the present Constitution as in the original.

The original document ended with this article, whereas the current Constitution has a separate part called By-Laws, which spells out regulations governing meetings, the election of officers, and the board of directors, duties of officers and the board, duties of committees, restrictions, and amendments to the By-Laws. (See Appendices A and B.)

This description has been made in some detail in order to indicate how growth in the Fellowship since its inception has necessitated changes in its organization and structure as indicated in the 1966 document.

No attempt is made in this history to indicate all the various changes made in arriving at the present Constitution and By-Laws.

Most important of these changes were the addition of a Vice Chairman and Director of Religious Education, ~~at a meeting held April 15, 1959.~~ It should also be pointed out that motion was made to incorporate the Fellowship at a regular meeting held October 21, 1959. Application for incorporation was filed November 24, and recorded with the Clerk of Court, Wake County, December 1, 1959. Also, it should be stated that in line with the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America, the Raleigh organization amended its Constitution on July 29, 1962, by changing its name to "The Unitarian~~Universalist~~ Fellowship of Raleigh, Inc." (Note the ~~hyphen~~) Another important change in the Constitution occurred in April 1963, when the Executive Committee, consisting of six members--the ~~Chairman~~, Vice ~~Chairman~~, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Religious Education, and the immediate past Chairman--was changed to a Board of Directors. Further amendment in March 1965 enlarged the Board of Directors to nine members, who would elect the four officers and name the chairmen of the seven standing committees from their membership. These committees were:

Program and Religious Service

Religious Education

Membership and Social

Finance

House and Grounds

Community Relations and Denominational Affairs
Publicity

In March 1966 this part of the Constitution (concerning government) was again revised, this time as it now stands, stating that the Board of Directors should consist of the officers-- Chairman, Vice Chairman, Director of Religious Education, Secretary, and Treasurer--and four other members. The number of standing committees was reduced to six by eliminating Publicity.

OFFICERS

At the organization meeting of this Fellowship, following the adoption of the Constitution (By-Laws), the following officers were elected: George A. Penny, Chairman; Mrs. Harriet Doar, Secretary; and Eula Williamson, Treasurer. These officers were re-elected in 1950 to serve another year.

A complete roster of these three officers and their terms of office are as follows:

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Years</u>
George A. Penny	Mrs. Harriet Doar	Eula Williamson	1949-51
L. H. Jobe	Miss Iola Moore	Harlan Brown	1951-53
Iola Moore	Mrs. Reba Clevenger	Jack Traywick	1953-55
Robert Hentz	(Mrs. Louise Wilson Mrs. Mae Wickboldt)	C. B. Clevenger	1955-57
Robert Wickboldt	Mrs. Betsy Cox	"	1957-58
Dale Blosser	Eula Williamson	"	1958-60
Joe Cox	(Mrs. Rebecca Rustad Mrs. Wanda DeLancy)	"	1960-62
Glenn McCann	Mrs. Betty Wiser	Dale Blosser	1962-63
John Voorhees	Mrs. Margaret Link	Sidney Addleman	1963-65
Mrs. Margaret Link	Mrs. Irene Chang	"	1965-66
Jim Quinn	Mrs. Pat Chenault	Jerry M. Slack	1966-67
		" " "	1967-68
		" " "	1969-70
		" " "	1971-72
		" " "	1972-73
		" " "	1973-74
		" " "	1974-75

APPLICATION AND MEMBERSHIP



Following adoption of the Constitution (By-Laws), the group of persons present at the November 14, 1949 meeting voted to make application for membership in the American Unitarian Association. This application, addressed ^{to} Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, Secretary, included the names of the first elected officers and this statement: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

"Expressing its approval of or general sympathy with the purpose of the Association, it is the desire of this Fellowship to become a member organization of the American Unitarian Association. We herewith enclose a contribution of five dollars. It is our understanding that if this contribution is accepted by the Board of Directors before April 30, our Fellowship will be entitled to be represented at all meetings of the Association by one accredited delegate during the year beginning on the following May 1.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP OF RALEIGH

George A. Penny, Chairman, 517 Stacy St.
Mrs. Harriet Doar, Secretary, 104 E.
North Street."

This application was duly approved by the Regional Director and authorized officials including the Department of Unitarian Extension and Church Maintenance and the Board of Directors.

(See Appendix C.)

A certificate of membership was issued to the Unitarian Fellowship of Raleigh, North Carolina, as of December 7, 1949. (See Appendix D.) Thus, the Raleigh Fellowship became the 33^d ^{Unitarian} Fellowship in the nation. ✓

Accompanying the application was a typewritten list of the charter members of the Raleigh organization, a total of 17. (It is interesting to note from this list that Mrs. Jobe holds a dual membership, first as the spouse of your speaker, and again in her own right as the last name on the list. ✓

According to the signed paper, 17 signatures appear; but according to a Unitarian Fellowship News Letter ^(F. W. G.) dated November 17, 1949, it is stated "Charter Membership in the Unitarian Fellowship of Raleigh, which was formed Monday night, November 14, will be open until the end of the year. Signing the By-Laws adopted at the meeting were: Miss Iola Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ainsley, Mr. L. H. Jobe, Mr. George A. Penny, Miss Eula Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Powell, Mr. Max R. Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan C. Brown, Mrs. Fraser Doar, and Miss Jane Doar. We can't leave it at 13!" (Mrs. Jobe and I believe that this number 13 should have been 14, for we are both ^{certain} ~~of the~~ opinion that she was present at this meeting on November 14. We support this belief further by the fact that a line appears below her name, the 14th on the list.) Furthermore, the next paragraph of the News Letter reads:

"EIGHTEEN INDIVIDUALS were present at the meeting, held at the Sir Walter Hotel." Visitors present at that meeting were Mayor J. Ray Shute and Judge Byron Williams of the Monroe Fellowship, and Vernon Smith of the Charlotte Church. These three visitors plus the first 14 names on the list and the person who didn't sign because of the wording of Article III, as stated above, make a total of 18.

Of these original signers of the Book, ^{five}~~four~~ are presently active members of this Fellowship: ~~Miss Iola Moore~~, Miss Eula Williamson, [✓] and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Jobe. ~~Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Brown~~ } ~~though living in Raleigh and sympathetic to our purposes, are not now considered active members.~~ (See Appendix ^I~~D~~.)

Since the beginning there have been 159 additional persons who signed our Book, making a total of 176 adults who at one time or another have been active members of this Fellowship. As usually happens, however, in a mobile population, many of these people have moved from our midst, while others took their places. At the present time, ¹⁹⁷⁴ there are 81 active members representing 46 families.

Growth in active membership over the years has been as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Members</u>
1949-50	17
1954-55	21
1955-56	23
1958-59	31
1959-60	22 (active)
1960-61	42
1961-62	57

<u>Year</u>	<u>Members</u>
1962-63	58
1963-64	69
1966-67	81
1967-68	
1968-69	

(It will be noted that membership for some years are missing.

Minutes are missing from 1949 to 1955-56. I wrote Boston asking that someone there go through annals and give me such information. Answer to my letter was that they were short of secretaries and could not help me.)

MEETING TIMES AND PLACES

In the beginning, it was decided that weekly meetings would be held--Thursdays. But this was found to be too often and was changed to every two weeks in January 1950, then changed to Tuesday, and finally to every other Wednesday evening on a permanent basis. These meetings were held during the first year mostly in the homes of members. In February 1950, Room 109, Riddick Hall, State College, was used as a meeting place. This was changed to the seminar room in Withers Hall, State College, in the fall of 1954. Here, the group continued to meet every other Wednesday evening until the fall of 1958 when a room in the Y.M.C.A. (State College) was obtained as a meeting place.

In September 1959, a discussion group was formed under the leadership of L. H. Jobe to meet on Sunday mornings at the State College (now University) Y.M.C.A. This group was discontinued

following purchase (Dec. 16, 1959) and occupation (January 6, 1960) of the Fellowship House at 119 Hawthorne Road. We continued to meet ~~here~~ ^{at the YMCA}, having instituted Sunday services also, until the Fellowship House was purchased. In this building of our own, we met on every other Wednesday evening until the fall of 1963, when Sunday meetings were instituted for all groups. However, religious services had been held on the first Sunday of each month beginning October 1, 1960. (Minutes, April 20, 1961.) These meetings began at 11:00 A.M. On March 19, 1961, however, the Fellowship voted to change the Sunday morning meeting time to 10:30 A.M. The Sunday School teachers felt that the extra half hour was needed to provide time for music, worship, and other activities before the children ~~went~~ ^{went} to their individual classes. This ~~will~~ ^{will} also extend the adult discussion period. At present, ~~except for a discussion group which meets on every other Wednesday evening, the Board of Directors which meets on call, and called social and annual meetings,~~ both adult and children's groups meet regularly at 10:30 A.M. each Sunday morning at the Fellowship House.

ADULT PROGRAMS

At first, the adult programs, aside from the business aspects, consisted of readings provided by the Boston office by members present, followed by discussions; and by talks made either by members or visiting speakers. Theme of meetings was controversial subjects and other religions. Since Minutes from fall of 1951 to

spring 1955 are missing, we are grateful to one of our former members (Mrs. Reba Clevenger) for information preserved in her Line-a-Day diary. Due to her foresight, we are able to give a list of some of the speakers, their topics, and dates beginning in 1952, as follows:

1952

- Jan. 30 Dr. McNeill Poteat (Pullen Church) - Ambassadorship to Vatican
- Mar. 19 Harlan Brown - Intellectual Honesty
- April 16 Dr. Keith McKean - Are Miracles Needed in the Modern Church?

1953

- Jan. 7 Dean B. F. Brown - Where is Religion Going?
- Feb. 18 Rev. Wm. Parker (United Church) The Race Question.
- June 3 Dr. Nielsen - Origin of Customs
- Sept. 16 Mr. C. B. Clevenger - Beginnings of Unitarianism in Transylvania
- Oct. 21 Rev. Prater (Outlaw's Bridge) - Andover Meeting

1954

- Feb. 3 Mrs. Betty Traywick - Humanism
- Feb. 17 Prof. C. B. Shulenberger - My Concept of God
- Mar. 16 Mrs. Trevor Cooke (England)-Socialized Medicine in England.
- Oct. 6 L. H. Jobe - Non-segregation.

1955

- May 18 Mrs. Margaret Stubbs - Work of the Quakers
- June 15 Harlan Brown - The Devil

Nov. 2 C. B. Clevenger - "Unitarian Growth in the U. S. in the Early Days."

1956

Jan. 18 Eula Williamson, Mrs. Clevenger - Tom Payne (dialogue).

Feb. 15 Dr. Reynolds (Meredith) - Gandhi

1957

Feb. 20 Mr. Byrnes (Art Gallery) - Modern Art and Contemporary Man

Apr. 17 Mrs. Annie Ray Moore (WHO) - Experiences in Burma

Oct. 2 Mrs. C. B. Clevenger - Epics of Unitarianism.

Oct. 16 Mr. & Mrs. Ben Williams - European Trip (slides)

1958

Feb. 19 C. B. Clevenger - Progress is Unorthodox

1959

1960

Mar. 16 Mrs. Ben Williams - Mid-20th Century Philosophy

May 10 Kenneth Patton - Symbolism in the Boston Church

1961

Jan. 13 Joe Cox, Mrs. Clevenger - Jesus and Paul (Dialogue) Pt. 1

Jan. 29 Mike Silver, Henry Horne - Jesus and Paul - Part 2

Mar. 12 C. B. Clevenger - The Scientist's Obligation to be Truthful.

(Since the time for holding adult group discussions was changed in the fall of 1963 to Sunday mornings and neither the Minutes nor anyone that we know of has kept a record of those meetings, records of speakers or discussion leaders are not available, unless we can find a file of ^{the program and} ~~the~~ News Letters. Suffice it to say at this point, therefore, that a consistent adult program including both members and invited discussion leaders has been carried on to date. ~~If desired, we shall try to obtain News Letters and insert similar information for years following 1961.~~)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

1957-61. In the fall of 1957, efforts were made to start a Sunday School. "A brief meeting was held before the regular meeting to further discuss the organization of a Sunday School." (Minutes, October 2, 1957.) At this meeting Dr. Lassner, who had agreed to head the church school committee, was "authorized to purchase books for Sunday School use not to exceed the sum of \$10.00. Sunday School was started November 2, 1957, with five children. A class for four-year-olds began March 9, 1958. By April 2, 1958, this group, under the guidance of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Wickboldt, and Dr. Lassner, had increased to two classes, "one for kindergarten and for children who are older." Mrs. Hentz and Mrs. Lassner had charge of the kindergarten class. (Summary of Activities, April 2, 1958.)

Minutes of the annual meeting held April 15, 1959, reads:

"The Sunday School has grown so that three classes are now conducted: the nursery class, ages 3 to 5; intermediates, ages 6 to 8; and juniors, ages 9 to 12. Teachers are Mrs. Betsy Cox, Mrs. Bettye Traywick, Mrs. Betty Wiser, Mrs. Barbara Hentz, and Mrs. Pattye Blosser."

A Director of Religious Education was established as an additional officer and a member of the Board of Directors at a meeting held April 15, 1959. The By-Laws specified that "The Director of Religious Education shall direct the personnel and program of religious education and perform such other duties in connection therewith as may be necessary."

1961-62. At a meeting held March 19, 1961, "the group voted to establish a Religious Education Committee, which will serve as a body of teachers and regular Fellowship members."

This committee included the following: Lyle Stehman, Chairman, John Voorhees, Mrs. Horne, John Oatfield, and Betsy Cox. The report of this committee at the April 18, 1962 annual meeting of the Fellowship included the following:

- . Mrs. Parr helped to set up a 3-year curriculum.
- . John Voorhees continued as Superintendent, in addition to teaching a regular Sunday class and serving as Co-chairman of the Committee.

- . Teachers are: Betsy Cox, Louise Pinkerton, Lil Oatfield, Ursula Stehman, Renata Haddon, Jean Riefel, Louis Dow, and Jerry Venable. Martha Fordyce and Betty Wiser helped in the nursery.

. Miss Edna Bruner from the Unitarian-Universalist headquarters talked with parents and teachers on the meaning of the curriculum, improvements or changes planned, and on how to handle religious education problems in a small fellowship.

. Without taking an actual count, it is estimated that there are about 40-45 children on the church school rolls, of which about 30 are there (present) on the average.

. The recommended increase in the Religious Education budget for the coming year will enable us to purchase additional books and other materials.

1962-63. The Church School Committee for 1962-63 consisted of the following: John Voorhees, ~~Ed~~ Gil Oatfield, Jean Reiffel, Paul Williams, Martha Fordyce, and Renata Haddon.

At a dinner business meeting held January 16, 1963, Louis Dow, Director of Religious Education (Can't find record on when he became a member of this committee), asked to be released from his position because of heavy professional duties, including writing a book. He reported that: "Attendance (at Sunday School) has been very good, the age divisions have worked out well, and the Sunday School has a curriculum for the rest of the year. He pointed out the following problems: financial situation, teachers are needed, curriculums need to be worked out, need for religious education..."

At the annual meeting held April 10, 1963, the Religious Education Committee was made a standing committee by constitutional amendment, ~~whose~~ ^{and it} duties were described in the By-Laws as follows:

"The Religious Education Committee shall be responsible for developing curricula and carrying out a program of religious instruction for the church school." The Report of the committee made by the chairmen, Lil Oatfield and Jan Dow, included the following:

. We continued, with some modification, the religious education program organized by Mrs. Parr, Lyle Stehman, and John Voorhees.

. Our aim was to explore three areas in religious education:

(1) to explore the environment and the child's place in the environment.

(2) ~~to~~ explore our religious traditions, including the Judeo-Christian tradition, myth, and our particular Unitarian traditions.

(3) to explore modern thought and belief, Christian and Jewish sects of today, and other religions of the world.

. Our enrollment, including the nursery, has been about 45 children with average attendance of about 30 each Sunday, divided among five classes.

. Teachers were: Renata Haddon, Martha Fordyce, Dora Zia, Jeff Haddon, Gladys Bredenberg, Jean Reifel, Louis Dow, Paul Williams, Louise Pinkerton, John Voorhees, Hugh Fordyce, Betsy Cox, and Betty Adcock. (Looks like we had plenty of teachers that year.)

1963-64. The R. E. Committee met the evening of August 28 to outline plans for the year. They requested volunteers for substitute teachers for all grades over five-year-olds and someone

to play the new chord organ during the worship service.

The possibility of starting a college age group was discussed at a meeting of the Executive Committee (Board of Directors) on September 15, 1963. Committees were drawn up at this meeting, but no R. E. Committee is listed.

The Church School reported an enrollment of 45 with an average attendance of 30 each Sunday.

At the Annual Meeting held April 22, 1964, Lil Oatfield gave these suggestions for the future:

- . Ask parents to be on temporary stand-by for substitute^s, so that all parents would have a chance and no one would be burdened for a long time.

- . Buy bigger toys for the nursery.

An elaborate report (an 8½x14 sheet) was made by the Chairman for this year. Some of the important highlights of this report were:

- . The Unitarian Fellowship has maintained an enrollment of around fifty members in the Sunday School Dept. this year. The children were divided in the groups:

- (1) Nursery, headed by Louise Pinkerton, with "various and assorted" assistants. Ages 4-4½ children were provided with materials for activities: play with toys, blackboard expression, coloring, working with clay, using felt figures, listening to stories and records, singing, finger games, simple singing games, etc. Need for large wooden or soundly constructed play equipment.

(2) Intermediates, ages 5-11, gather together for a 20-30 minute worship service, then divide into three groups:

(a) Kindergarten and first grade, headed by Helen Martof and Dora Zia. This group used the books, The Family Finds Out and Always Growing, with emphasis on experiences of children in a normal happy family situation, with attention concentrated on happenings in nature and the world around them. This group has painting equipment, but needs a large blackboard, more chairs, colors, paper, scissors, etc.

(b) Second and Third graders, with Geoffrey Haddon as teacher, has emphasized the nature theme, including animals. More chairs and table needed.

(c) Fourth and Sixth Graders, with Betsy Cox and Gladys Bredenburg as teachers, used book From Long Ago and Many Lands. Art work and interpretive type work, including shadow puppets and plays with music made up the curriculum. Need expressed for space and chairs.

(3) Juniors, under direction of Dave Link, later assisted by John Oatfield and Josh Lee. "Finding a good course of subject matter seems to be a problem for this group." Suggestion: Attend some of the adult programs, and aid with younger children before retiring to their own room, and use of topics related to teen-age interests.

The Sunday School presented programs at Christmas and Easter to the adult group.

1964-65.

\ Helen Martof is the R. E. Chairman. Will hold teachers' meetings before fall. Needed two blackboards and another table. A hole will be cut in two closets to make another room available. (Minutes Executive Committee, August 13, 1964.)

Geofrey Haddon would like to have provision made to darken a room for showing slides and film strips. Marion Pearson will be working with the Sunday School during the month. (Executive Committee meeting, February 4, 1965.)

The Church School teachers will be honored by the Fellowship at a Dessert-Coffee this coming Wednesday, February 10, at 8:00 in the Fellowship House. (The Newsletter, February 9, 1965)

"Sunday, February 28, 10:30 AM--

Marion and Talbert Pearson will conduct meeting jointly,

Marion Speaking on: WHAT IS RELIGIOUS ABOUT OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Talbert will discuss, briefly: THE PLACE OF MUSIC IN

UNITARIAN EXERCISES" (The Newsletter, Feb. 23, 1965)

Annual Meeting, April 15, 1965.

\ Geoffrey Haddon reported for Helen Martof. There are several problems that should be of concern to the Fellowship:

1. The teachers need to feel more a part of the Fellowship. They often feel isolated upstairs, especially when there are no substitutes available.

2. Large variations in attendance cause problems in preparing lessons. Need to encourage more regularity.

3. Helen found a bigger job than she bargained for. Perhaps there should be more division of responsibility. She has suggested several subcommittees:

Special events (Christmas, Easter)

Teacher recruiting

Coordinating

4. Teacher training is the biggest need. Many of the teachers have trouble communicating with children.

5. Suggested redivision of classes:

Infants - 3 years

3-5 years old

2d and 3d grades

4th and 5th grades

6th and 7th grades

8th grade on

The Sunday School should be the biggest challenge of the Fellowship. We need a strong R. E. Committee and some of the members should be non-teachers.

1965-66.

Laura Lee Sillay is chairman of the R. E. Committee, changed to Hugh Fordyce after it was learned that the Sillays were moving to Boston.

Hugh Fordyce mentioned at Board of Directors meeting (August 11, 1965) that more furniture will be needed by the Sunday School.

Betty Davenport will be our representative to attend the District Sunday School Teachers' meeting in Charlotte on March 4 and 5. (Board of Directors, Feb. 6, 1966.)

Hugh Fordyce is planning a Parent-Teachers' meeting on March 27th, 8:00 PM, at the Fellowship House. (Board of Directors, March 6, 1966.)

"Mr. Husbands felt that more attention should be paid to the Sunday School. He believed that many Unitarians would not have joined a church if they had no kid of Sunday School age. He recommended that a Religious Education Committee should be set up in addition to the Director of R. E. and teachers.

(Ed. Note: I hope someone told him that we had such a committee, or provision for one.) He felt it would be a good idea to assign two teachers to each class -- one teacher regularly in the first semester with the other as substitute. They^{all} they exchange duties in the second semester." (Joint meeting of the Board of Directors, Committee on Development Plans, and Munroe Husbands, April 1, 1966.)

"Hugh (Fordyce) reported that the program on Sunday School to be presented the following Sunday is all set. Glenn McCann will speak on Unitarian Philosophy; he will discuss the Beacon Press series of reference for Religious Education and Betty Davenport will talk about future plans. (Board of Directors, April 10, 1966.)

Annual Meeting, April 20, 1966. Hugh Fordyce reported that many individuals have contributed to the success of the R. E. program in 1965-66, most notably the Sunday School teachers... The curriculum has made extensive use of the Beacon Press materials in religious education. Betty Davenport attended a training session for teachers in Charlotte. Betty and Dot Ward will attend another training session in Atlanta later this year (May 13, 14). Mr. Munroe Husbands of U.U.A. met with teachers and offered many valuable suggestions for next year. Hugh recommended a real working R. E. Committee and to develop a vital program for the junior and senior high group.

Teachers for the 1965-66 year were:

Mary Jean Cornish - threes down to newborns
Betty Davenport - 4 and 5 year olds, both semesters
Helen Martof and Dora Zia - 6 and 7 year olds
Pat Meymandi and Dot Ward - 8 and 9 year olds
Gladys Bredenburg - 10, 11, and 12 year olds

1966-67. >

< Betty Davenport was elected Director of Religious Education.

From R. E. Committee Report to Board, August 2, 1966:

A comprehensive report of the R. E. Committee was submitted to the Board of Directors held August 2, 1966. This report included:

1. Notice that U.U.A. materials describing duties and possible activities of an R. E. Committee had been furnished to R. E. Committee members.
2. Schedule of Committee and teachers meetings.
3. Names of liaison members to other Fellowship groups.
4. Rotation policy for committee members.
5. Teacher assignments for year.
6. Time schedule for holding classes.
7. Proposal for statement on R. E. Purpose and goals for R. E. brochure and announcement plans for curriculum planning.
8. Statement concerning need for tables for kindergarten, and need for defining responsibilities of R. E. Committee and House and Grounds Committee as purchase and maintenance of church school furniture and equipment.
9. Statement concerning use of space in basement.
10. Proposed budget for 1966-67.
11. A list of 8 other items discussed.
12. The church school roll (1966-67) divided into seven groups, a total of 73.

This report also included a list of names and contributions of the children who participated in the Summer Play School (1966) and its total cost.

On this the Board Minutes simply state: See written report attached (implying that the report had been approved), and the comment "Because of the excessive cost of fixing the basement, the Board suggested that Betty (Davenport) investigate the cost of renting a room at the "Y" or on the campus for the Junior High group. She will make sure the "Y" is integrated before making any arrangements."

NOTE: The details of this report have not been included here, but if desired can be done later.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

We have had a number of programs which, because of their significance, are being considered as "special". Aside from a number of visits by representatives of various departments of the A.U.A. and its successor the U.U.A., including Monroe Husbands (several visits), Rev. Lon Ray Call (May 2, 1950), ~~Ray Shute (several visits)~~, Ray Shute of Monroe (several visits), Leon Hoffer, Field Secretary of the American Unitarian Youth (March 8, 1950), Rev. Clifton Hoffman (Regional Director, Atlanta, February 12, 1960), Rev. Edna Bruner (Field Consultant in Religious Education of the Council of Religious Education, (March 12, 1959), Mr. and Mrs. O.T. Gilmore (Executive Director of the U.U.A., November 11, 1959), Roy Hatt (Council of Liberal Churches, February 9, 1961), and a number of out-of-town speakers - Rev. Dale DeWitt of New York and Rev. John Morgan of Charlotte (Dec. 8, 1949), Vernon Smith of Charlotte (several occasions), Dr. Raymond Adams of Chapel Hill, Rev. Prater of Outlaw's Bridge (October 21, 1953), Rev. ^{Ed} Cahill of Charlotte (several occasions), Mrs. ^Frevor Cooke of England (March 16, 1954), Dr. W.H. Cartwright of Durham (April 7, 1954), Kenneth Patton (May 10, 1960), John Collison of Richmond (Lincoln - November 27, 1960), Dr. Sidney Freeman of the Charlotte church (slides, November 4, 1959), Dr. Steven Dunning of Duke University (Special Easter service), and Peter Brook Putnam of Princeton (Y.M.C.A., October 7, A. Powell Davies Memorial).

(Note: We can expand some of the programs conducted by these persons if desired.)

Dr. A. Powell Davies and Dr. Frederick Eliot. This meeting, called "The First Unitarian Institute", and sponsored by the Fellowships of Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh, was held November 9 - 13, 1952. (See Appendix for a reproduction of the program). Note: Although I was chairman of the Raleigh Fellowship at this time, unfortunately I had to be out of the State attending a conference in connection with my work with the State Department of Instruction. It is my understanding that this meeting was a tremendous success. On

November 11, Dr. Davies was in Raleigh, where he had lunch at the Sir Walter Hotel with Rev. Ed Cahill of Charlotte, Mrs. Doar, Miss Williamson, Miss Moore, and a number of others. Dr. Davies and Dr. Eliot were interviewed over WPTF radio by Mrs. Harriet Pressley. Then a Fellowship dinner was provided at Chez Gourmet, followed by an address by Dr. Davies at the College YMCA.

Paul Blanshard. "One of the big events of our young life," writes Dr. Robert Hentz, president at the time, "was the sponsorship of a talk by Paul Blanshard at the United Church, which turned out to be a modest success." Mr. Blanshard, lecturer, lawyer, editor (The Nation) Unitarian, Humanist, and author of American Freedom and Catholic Power and other books, was in Raleigh January 10, 1956. The weather was horrid - cold and snow - although the crowd was small, we broke even, paying Mr. Blanshard a fee of \$50.

Carolina Unitarian Conference, April 17-19, 1959. A brief article in the April 17 issue of the News and Observer stated:

Forty-eight delegates from the Carolinas will register for the Carolina Unitarian Conference. Registration will be followed by coffee and social hour at the State College YMCA.

A series of workshops will be held from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday. A banquet is set for 7:30 Saturday night. Charles Jones, former Presbyterian minister at Chapel Hill, will speak.

The only minutes of this important meeting are found in the "Summary of Year's Activities" by the Secretary, namely, "An important activity of the Fellowship is being host for the Carolinas' ~~Unitarian~~ Unitarian Conference to meet in Raleigh, April 17-19."

Alfred W. Hobart, January 9, 1965. This was a district meeting of the Raleigh, Greensboro, Greenville, and Winston-Salem Fellowships. Goals of the "Fellowship Day", from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., were:

1. To foster cooperation among fellowships and churches located in natural geographical and communication groupings.
2. To develop awareness in fellowships of their needs and of the available

resources with which to meet them.

3. To develop awareness on the part of churches of the needs of fellowships and significant and essential ways in which they can be of help.

(No minutes on this workshop.)

Visit of Pearsons, Month of February, 1965. W. Talbot Pearson of Weare, N.H., a former professor of drama at ~~Garnegie-Tech-U~~ Carnegie Institute of Technology and a retired executive director of the Unitarian Laymen's League; and his wife, a former teacher, director of church schools of Boston, and secretary of the Liberal Religious Education Directors Association, spent the month of February, 1965, with the Fellowship. Mr. Pearson worked with the Board of Directors, various committees, and the entire Fellowship in the following areas:

1. Building and planning.
2. Social - play reading as entertainment ("Don Juan in Hell" from Man and Superman was read on February 25).
3. Helped draw up a "Statement of Purpose."
4. Helped prepare civil acts procedures for dedications, marriages, and memorial or funeral services. Following recommendations of a committee studying this question, Revisions in the Constitution were adopted *March 21, 1965* making provision for civil acts procedures.
5. Sunday services.
6. Membership and hospitality.
7. Newsletter - to be issued weekly.

At the annual meeting, held April 15, the Civil Acts Committee presented procedures for the dedication of children and marriages, which were approved.

(See Appendix.) No memorial service procedures were submitted because the committee felt that no one would use a prepared service. A suggested brochure "Statement of Purpose" was ^{also} adopted. (See Appendix.)

Members of the Fellowship were pleased with the accomplishments made during

the period the Pearsons were present. They were paid the sum of \$700, which was raised by special pledges outside the regular budget. The Pearsons seemed to have liked us, too, for upon leaving they wrote: "It (the visit) has been for us both a very rewarding experience and we can only hope that some, at least, of your expectations have been fulfilled...The plans for expansion you are making are exciting. We hope you keep your sights high, because the potential is here, and we think you can realize it."

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Unitarian-Universalists always enjoy meeting together and eating together. We have ^{had} covered dish suppers (Hentz's, Williams', Stehman's at Chapel Hill), picnics (a number at Pullen Park and Umstead Park), pot-luck dinners (Miss Moore's sister's, Hentz's, Wickboldt's, Blosser's), parties (Clevenger's, Wickboldt's, Cox's), dinners (Ballentine's, S and W, Chez Gourmet, College Cafeteria), Christmas parties (Hentz's, Clevenger's, Cox's), pancake suppers (Fellowship House), finger food (Fellowship House), and special dinners (Japanese, German, French, and Indian).

On Thursday, February 25, 1965, a Fellowship Social was held at which the reading of a play, a part of Man and Superman by Shaw highlighted the evening. A pancake supper was served at this meeting also.

(This may be expanded.)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (SOCIAL ACTION)

Milk Fund. The Fellowship and its members have always expressed a community concern. Perhaps our first project in this area was the milk fund for a needy Negro family. This project, largely through the inspiration of Miss Moore, was carried on for about six years, 1954 to 1959. Voluntary contributions were made to this fund, which was used to provide milk on a monthly basis. For at least two Christmases a special fund and a Christmas basket of gifts for the children were provided. The financial record shows disbursements as follows:

Nov. 16, 1954 - Mrs. Kirk - Chavis Milk Fund	\$13.50
Apr. 4, 1955 - Mrs. Kirk - Chavis Milk Fund	9.00
Apr. 4, 1956 - Milk Fund - Chavis Family	24.45
Toys (cash)	11.00
Mar. 27, 1957 - Milk - Chavis Family	44.95
Mar. 27, 1958 - Milk - Chavis Family	13.30

Mar. 27, 1959 - Milk - Chavis Family - gifts to children

6.70

The Fellowship and its members have always taken a liberal stand on the segregation problem. Early in our history, Mrs. Betty Traywick represented the Fellowship by taking an active part in the Raleigh Council on Preparation for Integration. One of the early speakers to our group, when we met in Daniels Hall (about 1953) was Dr. S.E. Duncan from the State Department of Public Instruction. Since that date other Negro leaders speaking to our group have been: Mr. Renner of Sierra Leone gave a talk at our January 21, 1953 meeting; Dr. King of Sierra Leone and a teacher at Shaw University spoke at two consecutive adult group sessions during the 1961-62 year; Mrs. Sarah Herbin of the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council spoke in April, 1964; and Floyd McKissick of Durham, now National Chairman of CORE, May 17, 1964; and this year Mr. James Lee of Raleigh; ~~note to Mr. Jobe from the typist: this year we~~ ^{we} also had Mrs. Herbin again, and Rev. John Fleming of Shaw University. The three week series on civil rights was one of the best I can remember at the Fellowship, ~~said one of our members.~~

Civil Rights. At the March 16, 1960, meeting of the Fellowship, it was suggested that we make a public statement in relation to the Negro students' sit-down strikes at the lunch counters. It was voted to make such a statement to the Mayor's Committee.

The following resolution was adopted and copies sent to the Mayor, to Raleigh newspapers and the Unitarian Register:

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Negro citizens of North Carolina are making efforts to gain for their race dignity and equality in the form of equal rights and privileges; and further, that peaceful efforts are being made to that end; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Fellowship of Raleigh believes deeply in Man's

responsibility to find for all men human dignity under God;now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Fellowship of Raleigh support the Negro Citizens in their efforts to gain this dignity and equality and commend them for their peaceful conduct.

At a meeting held August __, 1966, a motion was passed concerning a meeting on the State University campus at which Rev. Martin Luther King was the speaker. (No information in the minutes.)

Indian children(Harnett County).

James Reeb Fund (Resolution, letters).

J.D. Tippet Fund (1963-64)

Halifax Court Study Hall Project. (See report Martha Fordyce, Sep. 23, 1965).

Special Projects. Architect dinners, candy sales, art show, etc. (These are all to be written up.)

SPECIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

(CIVIL ACTS)

A committee was appointed for the 1963-64 year to study the question of ritual and ceremony; but, although no meetings were held, some material was collected. The following year (February, 1965), however, with the assistance of the Pearsons, procedures covering dedication, marriage, and memorial services were prepared; and at the annual meeting of the Fellowship April 15, 1965, it was reported that "The Executive Committee (sic) accepted the report of the Civil Acts Committee on February 21, 1965. The dedication of children will be used as presented. The marriage ceremony was adopted only as a model and is in no way intended to limit persons who wish variation. (Rev.) Collins Killburn (United Church) has agreed to perform weddings for us. We will offer the House free and suggest that the people give the minister at least \$10. No memorial services were made up because the committee felt that

no one would use a prepared service."

(See Appendix for suggested Dedication and Marriage Ceremonies.)

Dedication Services. The first child-dedication service was conducted for the Fellowship by the Rev. Edwin Cahill, minister of the Charlotte church, on June 5, 1955. This service was for Susan Belle Hildreth, now 13 years of age, living with her parents in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The dedication was held at the YMCA on the State College (now University) campus. She received a pink carnation, and music by Vivaldi and Corelli was played on records.

Other dedication services have been held, the most recent during

_____, 1966. Children dedicated were:

(names to be inserted)

Marriages. Only one marriage ceremony has been conducted, that of Miss Georgianne _____ and Mr. Stanton Hoegerman, held at the Fellowship House on March 20, 1965. The ceremony followed that developed for the Fellowship by the Civil Acts Committee, although it was not yet officially adopted by the Fellowship. Rev. Collins Killburn performed the marriage.

Memorial Service. A memorial service was held in Danforth Chapel, State University campus, on April 17, 1966, for Richard Pinkerton, one of our esteemed active members, who died _____, 1966.

PUBLICITY

Good publicity is a necessary part in the development of any live organization. Publicity has played an important part in the growth of the Raleigh Fellowship.

Internal. Our first newsletter was issued November 17, 1949, just three days following our organization meeting. (See Appendix). True, this organ was only one side of an 8½ x 11 sheet. This first newsletter gave the names of those present, the officers, and an announcement concerning the next meeting.

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Although a newsletter was not issued regularly during these early years of the Fellowship history, it was renewed in a more permanent form under the editorship of Mr. Robert Wickboldt in _____, and has since grown in size and importance. Currently, the newsletter is named the Raleigh Unitarian Universalist and is issued twice monthly. (See Appendix for a current copy.)

Other internal publicity has been that done by word-of-mouth by our membership and by our group activities, at the Fellowship House and elsewhere, to which visitors are invited.

External. The daily newspapers of Raleigh have given very good publicity to the activities of the Fellowship, especially since 1957. During the Triangle Institute, _____, Dr. Davies and Dr. Eliot were given radio publicity through WPTF.

Example of articles appearing in the local press were the following:

Fiction in the Bible. Dr. Michael Luskin of Greenville, N&O Oct. 8, 1957

Unitarians Begin Sunday School Here, Sept. 1958

Unitarians - Few but Active, Raleigh Times (RT), Dec. 6, 1958.

Unitarian Group Elects Officers, N&O, April 18, 1959.

Unitarians List Guest Minister, RT, April 18, 1959.

Raleigh's Unitarians Now Have Home, (?), 1959.

Don't Quake at the Thought of French Cooking in Your Kitchen, Feature article by Bette Elliott, RT, July 16, 1959.

Putnam to Give Memorial Talk, RT, Oct. 4, 1960.

Minister is Architecture Fan, RT, May 11, 1960. (Reference is to Rev. Kenneth Patton.)

Impersonation by Lincoln Will Be Given Here Today, N&O, Nov. 27, 1960

Unitarian Fellowship Approves Legislation, N&O, Jan 8, 1961.

These and many other articles and brief announcements have been carried in the local newspapers. (See scrap book.) And in a number of instances paid advertisements have been inserted in the local newspapers.

In addition, the sign in front of our Fellowship House has been a part of our publicity.

LIBRARY AND BOOKSHOP

It is not certain (to my knowledge) when the library of the Fellowship was started. A memo dated March 11, 1958, gives a list of 18 titles, some purchased by the Fellowship, some presented to the Fellowship, and others loaned to the library by members. The librarian was Mrs. Reba Clevenger. Two years later, June 1, 1960, Mrs. Lottie Flowers was named Librarian.

The next time "library" is mentioned is in the minutes of the annual meeting of April 22, 1964. ~~xxxxxx~~ Miss Nancy Williams is librarian. "Shelves have been built and the books have been moved from the office to the dining room. The committee has \$50 to spend, but has received no suggestions about how to spend it... The Chairman was authorized to use part of the \$50 for that purpose. It was also suggested that there be a regular budget for the library." The budget for 1964-65 included \$100 for the library.

For 1964-65, Mrs. Janice Lee is listed as ^Alibrarian.

Expenditures for libraries as taken from Treasurer's reports are as follows:

1963-64	\$15.00
1964-65	13.58
1965-66	11.13

(more to be added)

FINANCING AND BUDGETS

During the early history of the Fellowship from 1949 to 1954, very little money was needed to pay for the postage and incidental supplies used. Consequently, our first Treasurer states that the post of treasurer was largely honorary, and that the secretary handled such funds that were collected by "passing the hat".

The first official treasurer's report available, that for the year 1954-55 shows in summary the following:

Balance in bank, April 24, 1954	\$ 16.68
Receipts, including milk fund to April 6, 1955	<u>112.50</u>
Total funds	\$126.18
Expenses for year*	<u>106.25</u>
Balance	\$ 19.93
Cash on hand	<u>2.92</u>
Total	\$ 22.85

*These expenditures were for the following items:

Subscription ^s to <u>The Christian Register</u> and	
Dr. Davies sermons	\$ 6.50
Supplies for secretary	14.00
Chavis Milk Fund	46.50
Rev. V.B. Bowering, travel expense	9.00
Miss Iola Moore, dinner guest	1.64
Thomas Jefferson CKonference dues (21 members)	5.25
Rev. Ed Cahill, expenses	21.00
Wachovia Bank, service charge	<u>2.36</u>
Total	\$906.25

Without giving details for subsequent years at this point, a summary of receipts and expenditures from 1954-55 to 1965-66 follows:

Year	Bal. Forward	Receipts	Total	Expenditures	Balance
1954-55	\$ 16.68	\$109.50	\$ 126.18	\$ 106.25	\$ 22.85
1955-56	22.85	345.77	368.62	189.93	178.69
1956-57	178.17 ^a	636.77	814.94	347.56	467.38
1957-58	468.18 ^a	583.08	1051.26	294.68	756.58
1958-59	755.86 ^a	926.25	1682.11	372.12	1309.99
1959-60	146.64 ^b	5150.89	5297.53	4987.48	310.05
1960-61	310.05	3219.53	3529.58	2904.40	625.18
1961-62	625.18	4039.83	4665.01	3170.18	1494.83
1962-63	1494.83	3274.58	4769.41	3172.69	1596.72
1963-64	1577.55 ^c	3111.04	4688.59	3344.69	1343.90 ^d
1964-65	1430.54 ^e	4670.40	6100.94	3905.61	2195.33 ^f
1965-66	<u>2786.52^e</u>	<u>4145.94</u>	<u>6932.46</u>	<u>3039.15</u>	<u>3893.31</u>
Totals	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

^aSmall errors; .52, .80, .80

^bBuilding fund account of \$1163.35 shown in 1958-59 balance transferred to receipts for this year.

^cThis balance as of July 1, 1963, due to change of fiscal year ending June 30; evidently reduced \$1917 between this date and July 1.

^dAs of May 15, 1964

^eAs of July 1

^fAs of March 31

A budget of \$7787 has been adopted for 1966-67.

Building Fund. In October of 1955 a decision was made to start a building fund. According to the treasurer's report for three years, 1955-56 to 1957-58, this fund grew from \$58.00 to \$372.04, to \$641.34. This fund amounted to \$830.00 in November, 1958. As of January 7, 1959, this fund contained a little over \$1100. The fund had increased to \$1300 as of October 12, 1959. A canvass of members resulted in an additional \$1410. After it was voted to purchase the house on Hawthorne Road, the building fund, as such, was discontinued. (See next section on housing and property for history of this project.)

Also, see Appendix for copies of treasurer's reports.)



HOUSING AND PROPERTY

The first piece of property purchased by the Fellowship was a mimeograph machine, purchased during 1956-57 for \$86.55. Nothing further was expended for buildings and equipment until October 21, 1959, when it was voted to purchase the Judge Barnes house at 119 Hawthorne Road.

The beginning of this project was when a Housing Committee, composed of Mrs. Ben Williams, chairman, Amos Shirley, and Mrs. Lottie Flowers was appointed on June 25, 1958, "to find a place for meeting next year, consider the feasibility of ^{building or} buying a place of our own." Later, on September 17, 1958, the chairman of this committee reported that she had an appointment ~~to~~ with YMCA officials to discuss the possibility of using their rooms for meetings. Arrangements were agreed upon to rent rooms at the YMCA, at \$15 per month, and the treasurer's report shows a payment of \$75 to the YMCA for 5 months rent. At a meeting on June 3, 1959, the Executive Committee was "empowered to act for the Fellowship in the absence of the necessary quorum of the Fellowship in case of urgent opportunity henceforward to the extent of using up to \$1200 of the funds of the Fellowship for purchase, or up to \$500 to taking option for purchase of property for future use toward our objective of having a building."

At the December 16, 1959, meeting of the Fellowship the building or other meeting place was discussed, following which those present were asked to indicate on an unsigned slip of paper an amount they would contribute if occasion arose within the next week in which we could buy a suitable house with a \$4000 down payment. On October, among other possibilities, the house at 119 Hawthorne Road came up for discussion.

At an Executive Committee meeting, held October 12, 1959, it was agreed to recommend to the Fellowship that an offer of \$11000 be made for the Hawthorne

Road house, contingent upon being able to secure an \$8000 loan and the mechanical equipment being in good condition. And at a regular meeting of the Fellowship in October 21, 1959, with 34 persons present (members and visitors), the Executive Committee was authorized to incorporate, to apply for a loan, and to arrange for the mortgage to purchase the house. In order to give all members a chance to be heard, it was then voted to call a special meeting of the Fellowship, giving due notice of the purpose of the meeting. This meeting was held, with 16 members present, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and passed unanimously that the Executive Committee be given power to make a final decision on the purchase of the house on the basis of the offer made. Arrangements for a loan of \$7500 at 5% interest would be made with the Branch Bank of Raleigh, and a loan of \$2000 would be requested from the American Unitarian Association, the remainder to come from our building fund and further contributions. Our request for the loan from the AUA was refused. It was at this stage in the history of our Fellowship that the members were asked for firm pledges to see our way in purchasing the house and continuing operation. Fellowship needs at that time were estimated at \$176.25 a month. This was later changed to \$180.00 a month, and still later to \$215.00 per month. And so at a meeting with 18 members present, held on December 16, 1959, on motion of Joe Cox, seconded by Carter B. Fuller, the Unitarian Fellowship of Raleigh was authorized to buy the house at 119 Hawthorne Road.

Other Property. (To be added.)