

GENERAL SCHEDULE FOR THE 1977 NORTHWEST GET-TOGETHER

PLACE: Cascade Natural Gas Co. Building

at 614 N. Mission, Wenatchee, Washington

October 1 - Saturday

9:30 - Coordinating meeting for leaders - to decide who will do what - when

12:30 - Registration will begin. Artwork and crafts will be put on display.

1:00 - Special music. Hopefully this will encourage people to find seats and join in and participate before the half hour is over.

1:30 - Opening prayer

This will be followed by introductions, announcements, reports and brief presentations

3:00 - Break for refreshments

3:20 - Reconvene in small groups to discuss different pertinent topics.

4:30 - Small group reports to the whole gathering with time for brief comments.

5:00 - Supper break

6:30 - Guest speakers and special presentations

8:30 - End of program at the hall. Reconvene at the bonfire at Clark's pasture.

Music and singing, marshmallow roasting, informal discussion and visiting. This is early enough for the kids to come and join the fun. It can last as long as the old kids want to keep up the fire.

October 2 - Sunday

9:00 - Worship time. (Since we were lucky enough to get the use of the hall for two days instead of just one, we have shifted some of the program.)

10:00 - Special speakers will begin a question and discussion session.

Noon - Picnic at the Clark place. Followed by an afternoon of games and fun, or visiting and getting acquainted. Volley ball, badminton and lawn games at Clark's; swings, slides, etc. and tennis at the park a couple of blocks away.

REPORT ON WENATCHEE GET-TOGETHER
Meredith J. Sprunger

I arrived in Seattle Friday afternoon ((9/30/77) and was met by Steven Johnson, a computer programmer-analyst at Boeing, who is the leader of the North Seattle Study Group and has had several years experience teaching college mathematics. Steve drove us through the beautiful Cascades to Wenatchee. We arrived around 8 p.m., checked in at our motels and drove over to the Clark home. Many families were camped on the spacious grounds there and were gathered in the Clark living room where Lew was showing slides of a camping trip to Mt. Olympia. A talk fest ensued which ended in the wee hours of the morning.

Saturday morning there was a leader's meeting at the Cascade Gas Company meeting room. This meeting was attended by anyone who wanted to come or happened to arrive. At this meeting final decisions were made as to who would do what, when. Alice Clark and Janis Lange were in charge of the planning for the Get-together and Lew Clark was master of ceremonies.

Following a noon registration, Francyl Gawryn opened the meeting with music. Bettina Gray gave an excellent talk on sharing our faith. Marvin Gawryn presented an overall picture of the activities of the Family of God Foundation. After a refreshment break, the conference broke up for small group discussions following the format Chic Montgomery originated for the Grants Pass Conference. Spokesmen for each group presented the thinking of the group to the assembly.

A buffet supper was provided by the Wenatchee Society. The evening program started with music from Francyl and others. Marvin Gawryn spoke on the dynamics of the coming spiritual renaissance, I spoke briefly about activities at headquarters and Vern closed the evening

meeting with one of his inspirational addresses. Everyone reconvened around a bonfire at the Clark pasture where we roasted marshmallows and wieners and visited until midnight.

Sunday morning Alice Clark was in charge of a time of worship.

Mrs. Joanne Iverson played a violin solo and led the group in singing a song of her own composition entitled "The Family of God" which, I believe, she has given to the Wenatchee Society. Joanne is a pharmacist who has played in a symphony orchestra and is the wife of Dr. N. T. Iverson, an internal medicine physician in Puyallup, Washington.

I spoke again of the development and goals of URANTIA Brotherhood stressing the importance of their contribution to the coming spiritual renaissance. Lew Clark showed slides of the officers, Field Representatives, and building at 533 Diversey. The conference ended with a panel composed of Lew Clark, Vern Grimsley, and myself answering questions from the audience.

The group then assembled at the Clark home for a picnic, volley ball, and visiting. The entire Get-together was informal, stimulative of fellowship, and spiritually inspiring. The quality of the participants was high and the beautiful surroundings along with ideal weather made it a memorable two days. Around 100 people attended. A large delegation came from Victoria and Vancouver. Gordon Bellamy, a construction materials salesman, is the natural leader of the group. They presented us with a report of their July 23-24 "gathering" along with pictures and a cassette of the speeches presented. This is an excellent method of helping us get acquainted with study groups and I plan to write an article for the Bulletin encouraging other study groups to follow their example.

I was particularly impressed with the spiritual insight and intellectual grasp of Ron Louie. Ron is Chinese, a structural engineer, and is now studying to become an architect. His brother, Ray, is an attorney who is quieter but was the one who introduced Ron to The URANTIA Book.

Nathan Zadden expressed a desire to play an active part in organizing the Vancouver students of The URANTIA Book more effectively. Gunther Osterman gave me one of his "Wish You Well" fountains for 533 Diversey.

Members of both the South Seattle and North Seattle study groups were present. Janice Clark Goben and Steven Johnson seem to be the leaders of these groups. Fran Huntington had a number of her Portland Study Group at Wenatchee who enthusiastic about revitalizing their group in Portland. A young man by the name of Terry Hall (as I recall) expressed a desire to serve in the URANTIA Brotherhood. Lew Clark in a fatherly way explained that one starts with a local study group. I believe Terry lives in Spokane.

The entire Get-together was positive and enthusiastic. The only point of sensitiveness came when various people wished to tape speeches. Someone raised the question about copyright violation and I was asked for my opinion. I told them that in my layman's judgment quoting The URANTIA Book in a speech was not a violation of the copyright and taping such a speech for private use was not a violation of the copyright. Nevertheless, the Foundation preferred that only one tape be made and that a prefix of acknowledgement would accompany the tape. I assured them they could get copies through the Wenatchee Society but added that we have been trying to get such a prefix for the 1974 tapes for three years. I assured them, however, that we would see that their needs were expedited. They seemed reasonably content with this arrangement.