

# Around the Family

## DEATHS

### DOROTHY COLOMY TAYLOR

Dorothy Colomy Taylor, a beloved member of Halifax Monthly Meeting, died on 6 January 2004, at the age of 93. A memorial service was held for Dorie on 18 January in Halifax.

### WILLIAM MORSE

William Morse, a member of Halifax Monthly Meeting from 1971 to 1981, died on 16 January 2004. Bill's widow, Jean Morse, is a member of Halifax Monthly Meeting.

### KENNETH EDWARD SCOTT

Kenneth Edward Scott, a member of Halifax Monthly Meeting since 1980, died on 28 January 2004, at the age of 75. A memorial meeting was planned for 15 February.

### WILLIAM THURLOW

Bill Thurlow died suddenly of a heart attack on 14 February 2004, in Halifax. A memorial service was held on 21 February. Bill had retired from his career as a surgeon and was pursuing his fascination with astronomy in university courses in Halifax, which had necessitated moving from Prince Edward Island (of New Brunswick Monthly Meeting) and transferring membership in Halifax Monthly Meeting. A well-attended Memorial meeting was also held by the Prince Edward Island Worship Group.

### AVIS LOOMER

Avis Loomer passed away on 8 March 2004 in Windsor. He was an irregular attender at Quaker worship in Wolfville Monthly Meeting during the mid-1980s.



### HALIFAX MONTHLY MEETING

Susan Holtz, of Halifax Friends Meeting, currently residing in Toronto, wrote Chapter Nine (co-authored with David B. Brooks) of a new collection of essays on energy issues: *Fueling the Future: How the Battle Over Energy is Changing Everything*. Her chapter has, as its introductory subtitle, 'Why This Chapter Goes Against the Whole Concept of This Book.' The book is the first in a series called "The Ingenuity Project," in which editors Andrew Heintzman and Evan Solomon hope to stimulate discussion and elicit fresh answers to an important list of problems facing humanity. Friends concerned about energy issues may find this chapter especially informative and the rest of the book varyingly interesting.

Muriel Duckworth is back home since Christmas, after having spent five weeks in hospital. She had to have help with cooking and shopping and, in a letter made possible by help from Marguerite Overington, Jennifer Dingle, and Kathryn Belzer, Muriel writes: "I'm still a Quaker, a member of Voice of Women, Raging Grannies, and the United Nations Association in Canada, etc., etc....I believe in loving the earth and our sisters and brothers around the world, not murdering them, looking forward to being active again." Muriel celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday on 31 October 2003. Her seventh great-grandchild was born on 10 December—the second grandchild of her son, John. Her letter closes with: "Hope is a state of mind independent of the state of the world."

### NEW BRUNSWICK MONTHLY MEETING

Congratulations to Vince Zelazny, who recently received the 2003 New Brunswick Professional Forester Achievement Award from the Association of Registered Professional Foresters for his contributions in sustainable forest management and his work developing protected areas. The citation can be found on their website at [www.arpfnb.ca](http://www.arpfnb.ca).

### TORONTO MONTHLY MEETING HEALING GROUP

In February, Toronto Monthly Meeting Friends met to consider forming a Healing Group within the Meeting. A wide variety of health care disciplines and

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healing therapies were represented, including allopathic and homeopathic medicine, psychotherapy, hands-on spiritual healing, massage, active listening therapy, counselling, therapeutic touch, and yoga, as well as Friends working as caregivers on Committees of Care. Discussion centred on our need to share experiences, knowledge and resources, and to offer moral and practical support to each other, so as to be of greater service to each other and to our community. Suggestions of activities for future meetings include forming a healing prayer circle for those in need, sharing professional development information, exchanging hands-on therapeutic treatments, and arranging for treatments as requested by others in the Meeting. We may also organise workshops to answer the training needs and interests of our group and others in the Meeting. The group will also work to develop awareness in TMM about healing resources available within our Quaker community. Those present resolved to follow leadings as to the exact nature of the work we are called to do. When way opens as to the specific form our efforts will take, a formal presentation will be made to Ministry and Counsel. The Healing Group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

### VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING

We welcome the transfer of Ian Carr and Jean Carr from Prairie Monthly Meeting. Ian and Jean were residents in Winnipeg.

We also welcome Tom Graum and Wendy Neander, who transferred to Victoria from Edmonton Monthly Meeting.

Our Peace, Earth and Social Actions Concerns Committee invited participation in an Interfaith Day of Prayer for Compassion, in support of those who would be affected by a radical change in the welfare and disability assistance from the Province. This gathering took the form of worship in the various traditions, in front of the British Columbia Legislation buildings.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS

Did you know that you can register to vote in the upcoming U.S. election? Whether or not you intend to vote Democrat, you can get information on how to register from the Democrats Abroad Canada website at <http://ca.democratsabroad.org/>.

### SEEKING THE AUTHOR

Martha McClure and Vince Zelazny wrote to say that they were not the authors of the article about Penns Field, NB in the last issue of *The Canadian Friend*; they had only passed it on to us. They are seeking to find out who did write it.



### WORLD GATHERING OF YOUNG FRIENDS

Rejuvenating the Religious Society of Friends! What is God calling us to? Let us listen deeply and act accordingly. From August 16-24th 2005, Young Friends who will be 18-35 will visit Lancaster, England, in the region where Quakerism was born (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/>).



### HEAR YE! HEAR YE! IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CYM!

Friends' tendency to register late—sometimes very late—for the Canadian Yearly Meeting gathering has been causing stress and problems of logistics. The deadline for CYM registration will now be strictly enforced. Please be aware that for this year's Canadian Yearly Meeting session in Windsor,

**LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

## For this issue

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## Themes, deadlines and queries for upcoming issues

- ***Due date—15 August 2004 (for October issue)***

Theme: Canadian Yearly Meeting

- ***Due date—15 October 2004 (for December issue)***

Theme: Our finances: Looking Closely Upon Our Treasures

"May we look upon our treasures, the furniture of our houses, and our garments, and try whether the seeds of war have nourishment in these our possessions." – John Woolman

Do you keep yourself informed about the effects your style of living is having on the global economy and environment?

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