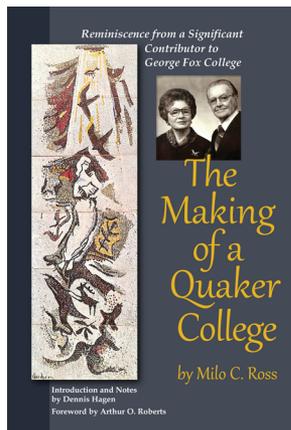


Research Comments

by Dennis Hagen



One of the pleasures of conducting research for *The Making of a Quaker College* was tracing the career of Milo Ross through the material located in the archives in the Murdock Learning Resource Center on the George Fox University campus. The following notations are an introduction to the wealth of information available to the curious reader.

After studying the material, it became obvious that only a small part of it could be used and a serious limitation would have to be in force. However, the reader may be interested in the sources available.

- 1. Books:** Milo wrote the book, *Outreach: A Handbook of Church Methods*, in 1952. It was published by the Board of Publication of the Oregon Yearly Meeting during Milo's pastorate in Seattle. The body of *The Making of a Quaker College* is his previously unpublished "A Mid-Century History of George Fox College," which he wrote in 1968-69. This document was a significant resource for Ralph Beebe's book, *A Heritage to Honor, A Future to Fulfill* which marked the George Fox College centennial in 1991.
- 2. College Documents:** Administrative decisions made during the Ross presidency appear in the Monthly Report to the Board

of Trustees and the Minutes of the Board of Trustees. College catalogs reflect academic decisions made concerning courses and faculty changes. The two self studies for the accreditation review by the Northwest Regional Association in 1959 and the Oregon Education Department of Teacher Training in 1966 are both in-depth studies of the institution during Milo's presidency. The Prayer Bulletin sent to the local churches is an interesting source for prayer requests and answers during this period.

3. **Yearly Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the annual gathering of the Northwest Yearly Meeting (then Oregon Yearly Meeting) include Milo's activities as a pastor and church leader. The minutes are also a source of information about the *Quaker Hour* radio program.
4. **Radio Ministry:** Every word of Milo's seven year ministry on the radio is recorded in the archives. This ministry is well documented and includes many of the musicians, announcers, and writers of fillers (brief anecdotes needed to fill out a thirty minute program).
5. **Student Paper:** Allison Kingsley wrote an excellent paper in 1983 for an Intensified Studies project under Dr. Lee Nash. It is entitled, "President Milo Ross: Sower of Hope." She used an interview process with employees and acquaintances of Milo to identify his significant personal traits.
6. **Remembrances from Family and Friends:** In 1984, Alice Ross (Milo's widow) sent out a letter to many friends of the family requesting remembrances or anecdotes about her husband.