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The Photographs

The pictures for the Christmas LETTER are a special addition, and not a permanent fixture; but we felt that in this way we could make many things more real to members of the Fellowship the world over.

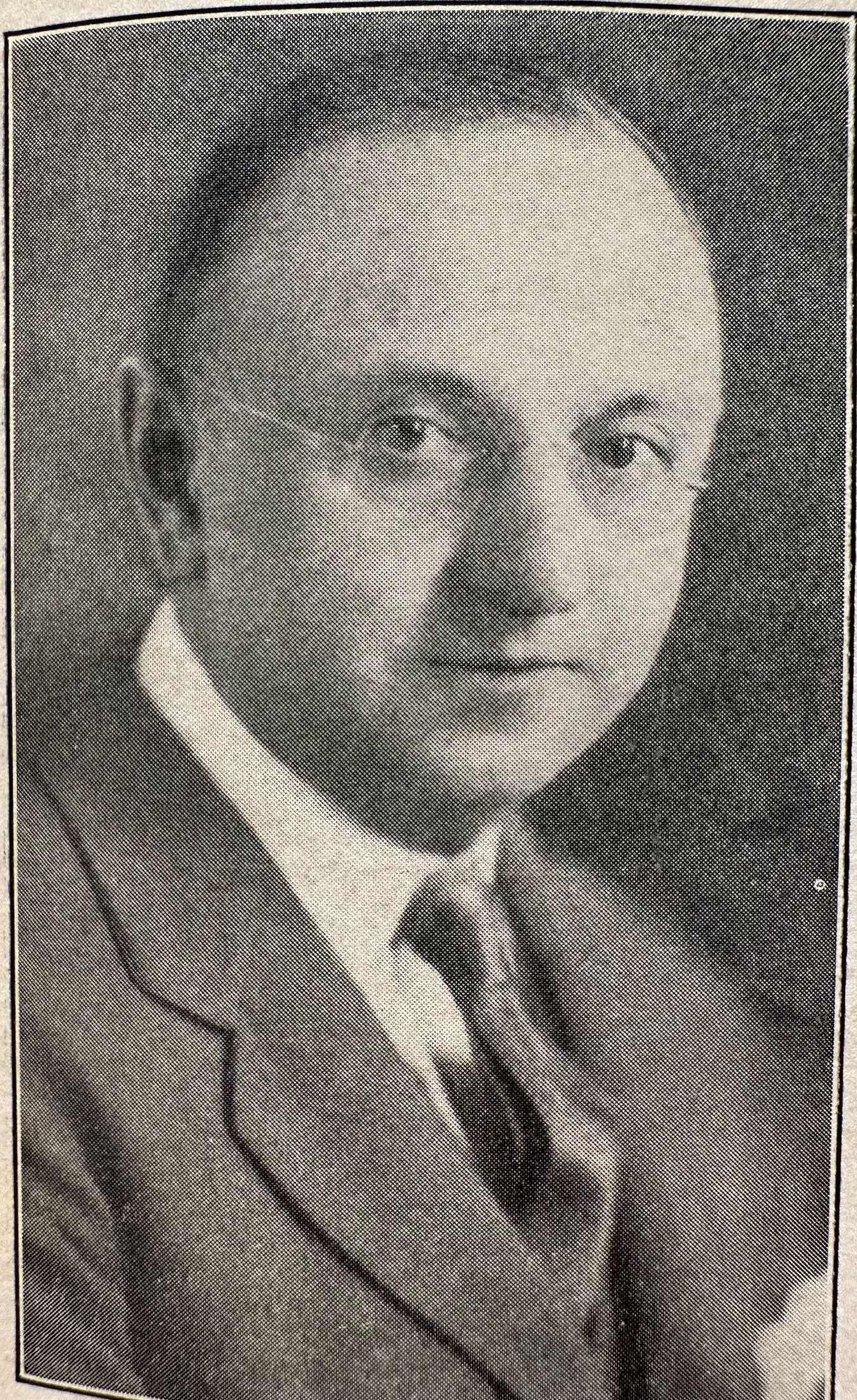
On the first page, at the top, are pictures of Frank Buchman, and Sam Shoemaker, rector of Calvary Church, New York City. Below are pictures of Loudon Hamilton and Jack Brock who, with Howard Rose, led the team to South Africa this summer.

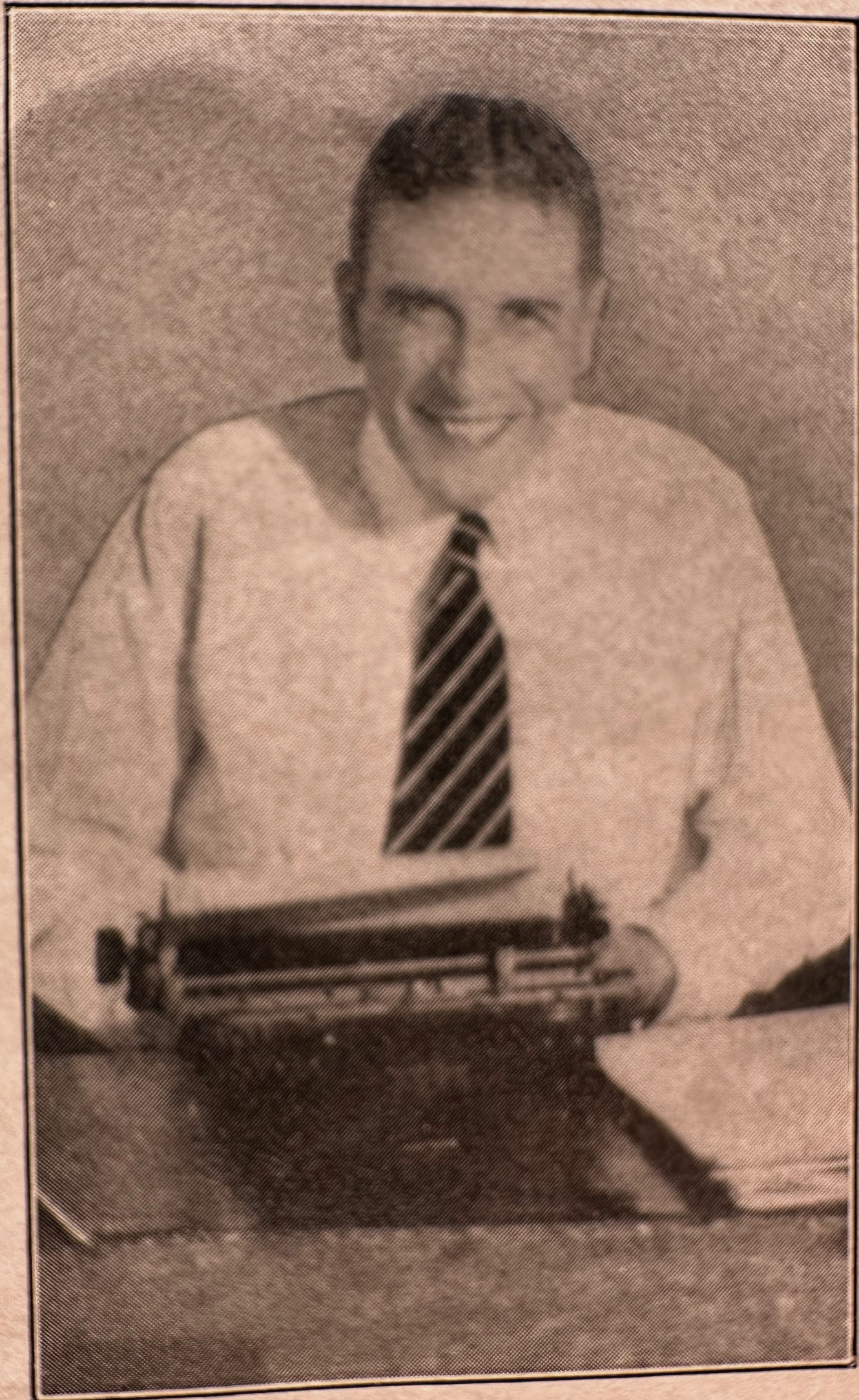
On the second page are pictures of the traveling team at Philadelphia, and of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Day, mother and father of Sherry Day, taken on their golden wedding anniversary in their wedding clothes of fifty years ago.

On the third page are pictures of the October, 1928, Wallingford houseparty in England, and the June, 1928, Minnawaska houseparty in the United States.

On the fourth page, at the top, is a picture of Ray Purdy and Bill Pickle taken at the time of the Birmingham houseparty. Bill has his famous beaver hat.

Below, is a picture of the first Wallingford houseparty, taken in April, 1927. And at the bottom of the page is a picture of the two Sterry sisters, Virginia and Prudence, with their husbands, Han Twitchell and George Smith. Han is on the left, George on the right.









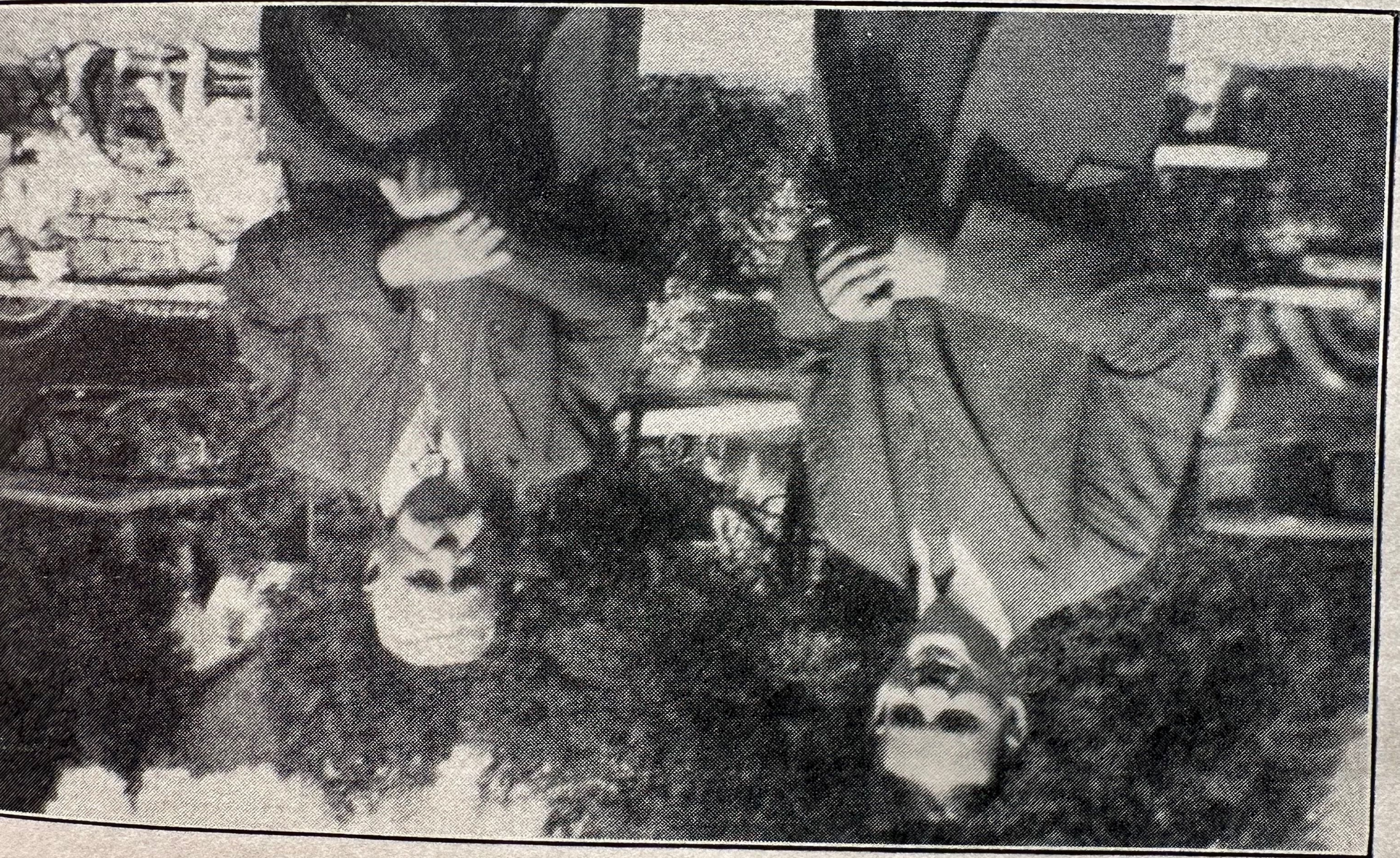




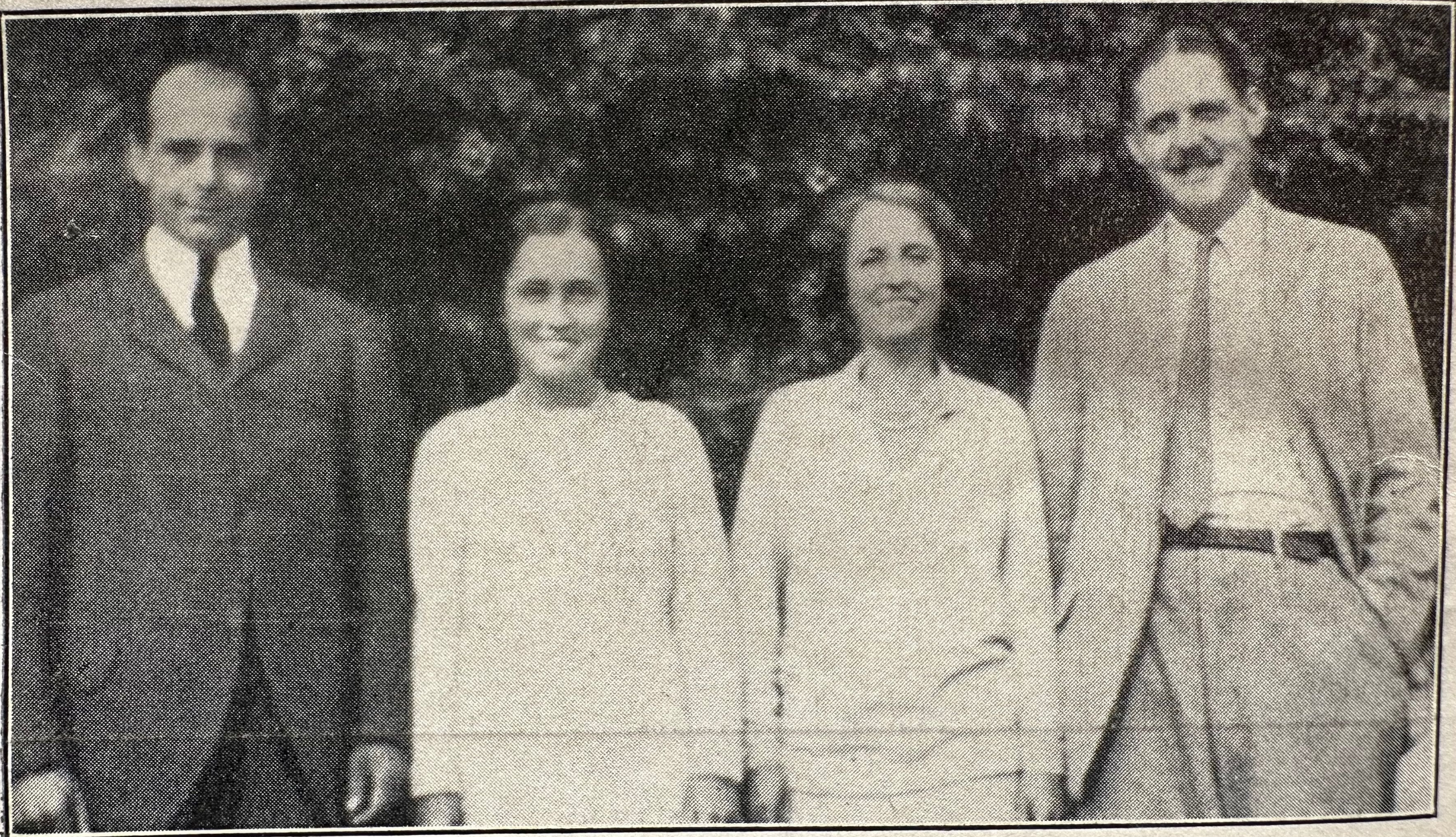












and Ritter Shumway; how to conduct an interview by Howard Rose; a talk on what comes after a house party; and talks by Colonel Forster and Frank Buchman. Colonel Forster gave us some most helpful suggestions about the quiet time. He regarded it as essentially a conversation between himself and God, and without feeling in any sense bound or rigid by any set formula, he found these questions of great value as guiding thoughts:

1. Anything between?
2. Praise for?
3. Pray for?
4. Write to?
5. Speak to?
6. Invite?
7. What read?
8. Where go?
9. Any questions?
10. Any warnings?
11. Any assurances, promises?
12. Anything else?

Bishop Henry Whitehead, formerly of Madras, ably conducted the Bible classes.

On Saturday there was an invasion from Leek. An Englishman in business in New York came in touch with a vital group through whom he found Christ. He wrote back to the home country and told his family and friends about it. Through his letters alone real changes were worked. Then his conviction came that God's will for him was to leave business and enter the ministry. So he came back home and brought to the house-party a group of six or seven of the young people in his town. They said, "This man has got something good. How do we get it?" The energy and sacrifice and pain that are poured into the forging of a fellowship are abundantly rewarded when these things are seen and done.

The days passed all too quickly. It was a rare time of fellowship; no attempt can be made to estimate its value. Over one hundred people of all types and ages and places met together for days to consider quietly, alone, or with others, what was the real nature of their own lives, what was the claim of Christ upon them, and what steps were to be taken definitely to put life more nearly on His level.

KENASTON TWITCHELL.

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