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Tomorrow's Burden

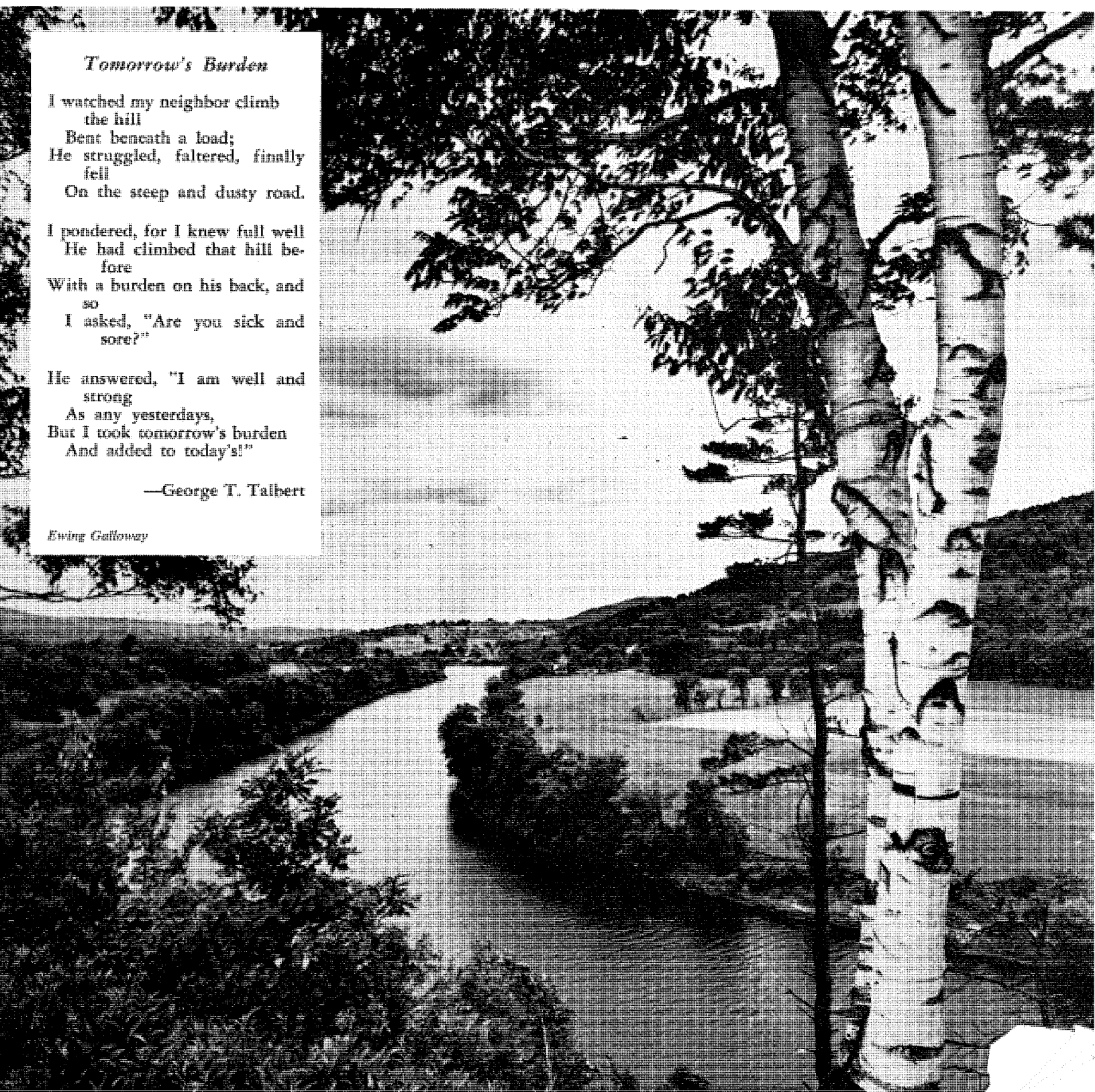
I watched my neighbor climb
the hill
Bent beneath a load;
He struggled, faltered, finally
fell
On the steep and dusty road.

I pondered, for I knew full well
He had climbed that hill be-
fore
With a burden on his back, and
so
I asked, "Are you sick and
sore?"

He answered, "I am well and
strong
As any yesterdays,
But I took tomorrow's burden
And added to today's!"

—George T. Talbert

Ewing Galloway





Personally . . .

Correction, Please

"Last month my name appeared twice in CONTACT with 'Rev.' before it and listed me as pastor of the church at Oak Ridge. Now I have nothing against being called a preacher, but the fact of the matter is that I have never felt called to the ministry and am not the pastor of our church. I am the treasurer and Rev. Milton Crowson is our pastor. Please make this correction in the August issue."—Lonnie R. Hall, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Paper Proves Blessing

"Tonight as I reach for something to read I realize that my subscription to CONTACT has expired. The paper has been a real blessing to me. I particularly enjoy the messages by Willard C. Day and 'The Free Will Baptist Story.' I am proud to belong to a church with so firm a foundation. Enclosed you will find two renewals."—Russell Partney, Milton, Oregon.

Sends 57 Names

"I am trying to subscribe to CONTACT for each family in our church here (Beech Springs church). Enclosed you will find a list of 57 names."—Ernest Ownby, Saltillo, Miss.

Likes News, Story

"I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy CONTACT. I like the way you keep us informed about the happenings in so many of our churches. The main article of interest to me has been 'The Free Will Baptist Story'. In the past few months I have heard this question, 'Aren't Free Will Baptists a new denomination?' I am glad you are publishing this story."—Lawrence C. Cutshaw, Detroit, Mich.

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The survival of the Executive department of our denomination is dependent upon whether or not the sentiment which was expressed at the National Association last month is backed with some solid financial support.

With an expression that was almost unanimous, delegates professed gratitude for the department and the services it renders for the churches. The department serves not only as the coordinating agency of all denominational enterprises, but also serves as the publicity and public relations agency and as liaison between the denomination and the government and with other religious groups.

Under the category of publicity and public relations the three outstanding phases of work performed by the department are CONTACT bulletin service, and planning and promotion of the annual convention. Heretofore the work of the department has been carried on without appeals for funds because its services were underwritten by contributions from the departments of the National Association. It was agreed at Spartanburg, S. C., in 1954 to discontinue this plan, however, beginning in July, 1955.

So now the department is on its own. There is only one source from which its funds for operation can come, and that is from the churches it serves. These funds may come in two ways—through the Cooperative Plan or through designated offerings. Many churches are choosing the Cooperative Plan as their way to support all of the services agencies of the denomination. Delegates at Tulsa voted to give the Executive department forty-five per cent of the cooperative receipts until its budget of \$29,000 for the next eighteen months had been met.

If that seems like an extra large share it would be well to remember that the department receives no additional funds when its budget has been met. Should sufficient cooperative funds come in the first six months, then for the next twelve months the department would receive no more cooperative funds. This is one of the advantages of the Cooperative Plan—a larger amount of funds may be channeled for a particular time where there is an urgent need. By supporting the cooperative budget with generous and regular contributions from your church you are assuring the continuation of the services performed by the Executive department.

Or, if you prefer, you may send designated offerings to the Executive department as you might to any other department. This is certainly recommended to the church which does not

support cooperatively. As we said in the opening paragraph, the survival of the Executive department and the services it offers is dependent upon whether or not the sentiment which was expressed at the National Association last month is backed with some solid financial support—one way or the other.

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You will see on the "Honor Roll" below that we have added three churches to the "Every Church Family" plan giving us a total of eleven. Several have expressed the intention of starting it. We would like to add ten more churches to the honor roll this month.

It is so simple. Send the names and addresses of all families in the church. *Don't leave out those who are already subscribers. We will check every name against our present circulation list and give credit for every subscription currently in force.* This is easier for both us and the church than trying to separate current subscribers from new ones.

Once each quarter we will send the church a statement along with a sheet for adding the names or families who joined during that period and dropping those who died or changed membership. *Remember, nothing can replace the church paper in the homes of your members.* Will your church be one of the ten added to the "Honor Roll" next month?

Honor Roll

"Every Church Family" Plan

The following churches are using the "Every Church Family" plan to see that all the members have the opportunity to get CONTACT. May we add *your* church next month?

- Fellowship church, Flat River, Mo.
Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor
- Southside church, Paintsville, Ky.
Rev. Homer Willis, pastor
- Pocahontas church, Ark.
Rev. J. Reford Wilson, pastor
- Airport church, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Dale Munkus, pastor
- Blythe church, Calif.
Rev. Lonnie Rolan, pastor
- Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
Rev. George Waggoner, pastor
- First church, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. John H. West, pastor
- Oak Ridge church, Tenn.
Rev. Milton Crowson, pastor
- First church, Savannah, Ga.
Rev. Louis H. Moulton, pastor
- Beech Springs church, Saltillo, Miss.
Rev. Willburn Beasley, pastor
- New Hope church, Joelton, Tenn.
Rev. Robert Hill, pastor

Three Minutes to Midnight

Louis H. Moulton

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16).

Suppose that on your way home from this meeting this evening you should see a house on fire. Very quickly running over and looking through a window into a bedroom of the house, you see a tiny infant asleep in a cradle. Rapidly, the flames are spreading and in just a few moments will reach the infant in the cradle.

A short distance away from the cradle you see the mother down on her hands and knees calmly and carefully picking up pins. She has dropped a box of pins on the floor—you can buy three boxes of them for 10¢ at the dime store—but now she is slowly and very calmly gathering them up. Such a scene as this would reveal to you at once that the mother's mind had snapped because no mother in her right mind would idly gather pins while her baby's life was in danger.

Everywhere I go I find Free Will Baptists, and there may be some in this audience tonight, who are just like that mother—gathering pins while your baby is dying. We are concerned and anxious over the trifles of earth while the souls of men all around us are in danger of eternal burning. The hands of God's clock point to three minutes to midnight and it's much later than we think. Surely, the hour has come to stop this insane gathering of pins and consider the value and destiny of the never-dying souls all about us—redeeming the time because the days are evil.

An Unanswerable Question

Hebrews 2:3 asks the unanswerable question, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" I have heard numbers of messages preached from this text and everyone I ever heard was directed to the unsaved person, the sinner who was lost. I think this evening we might turn this question around and aim it directly at ourselves—we, who are Christians, born-again, washed in the blood and to we who are ministers—and ask "How shall we escape if we neglect preaching the gospel of so great salvation."

Men out of Christ are lost, doomed, damned, without hope, under the condemnation of eternal death . . . separated from God eternally. Jesus said in John 3:3 "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." I have never as yet found a person who intends to go to

hell. Yet the cold fact is that multiplied thousands of people have died unsaved and have found themselves in the regions of the damned. And there are still multiplied thousands of people alive at this very moment who are unsaved and bound for a Christless eternity. The question is *why?* *Why?* And the answer, I'm afraid, can be given in one word . . . neglect.

Motive of Fear

Men neglect making a decision, preachers neglect to declare the whole counsel of God. True I'd rather draw a man to Christ by preaching the love of God than to drive him by declaring God's wrath. But what does it matter whether he is drawn or driven as long as he comes to God and is saved.

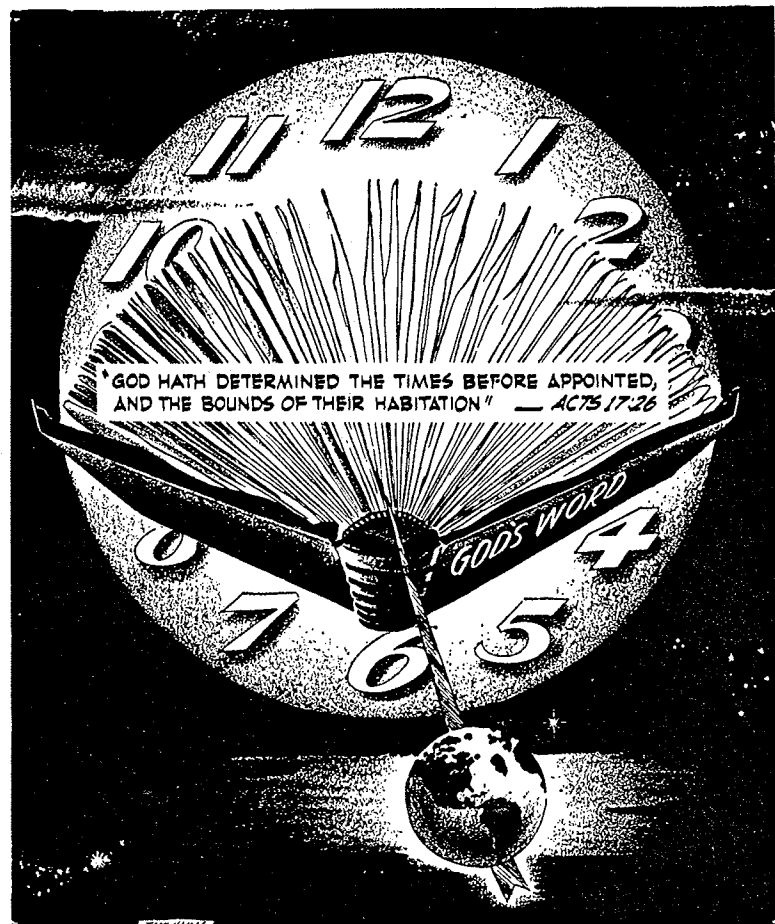
And, may I ask, what is wrong with fear as a motive for doing that which is right

and wise and sensible? In Hebrews 11:7 we read "Noah . . . moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house . . ." Fear moved Noah to the making of proper preparation for the judgment of God which came in the flood. Those who did not fear were lost and died when the waters began to rise. Men use hell today as a slang word, they laugh at those who fear and believe that the Bible is true when it tells of the awful reality of this place of torment. But they won't be in hell sixty seconds before they will believe it. Neglect! Neglect!

Did you know that on the morning of December 7, 1941, Sergeant Joseph Lockhart, sitting at a radar screen at Pearl Harbor, detected the approach of a large group of enemy planes and alerted his superior officer? *That officer refused to be moved by fear* and told the Sergeant to forget it. He insisted that the planes on the radar screen could be only American planes. But that same morning nearly three thousand of our men went out into eternity,

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Redeeming the Time



This sermon was delivered as the keynote message for the annual convention of the national association last month at Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Moulton is pastor of First church, Savannah, Ga.

Annual Convention Best in Many Ways

Record Attendance, Harmonious Session Mark 19th Meeting

The entire lower floor of the Will Rogers high school auditorium in Tulsa, Okla., was completely filled, with a scattering of people in the balcony, when the nineteenth annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists opened Tuesday night, July 12.

The congregation, numbering about 1,200, joined the 100-voice choir as Mr. I. L. Stanley, music director for the convention, led them in the stirring hymn, "All Hail the Power," to officially begin the service. The strains of "Blessed Assurance" were followed by the theme song of the convention, "O Zion, Hasten."

In the opening devotions Rev. C. B. Thompson, Fort Worth, Texas, called for spiritual development ahead of denominational development as he read to the convention from II Corinthians 5:16. The convention theme was "Our Mission High Fulfilling."

Local Pastors Introduced

The association was called into official session by the clerk, the Reverend George W. Waggoner, who introduced the moderator, the Reverend Charles A. Thigpen. Mr. Thigpen read Ephesians 6:13-18 and urged the delegates to sincerely pray for the leadership of God during the convention.

The Reverend John H. West, chairman of the arrangements committee, welcomed the visitors in behalf of the churches of Tulsa and of the state of Oklahoma, and introduced other local ministers who were the chairmen of various committees in arranging for convention facilities. Those introduced were the Reverends E. M. Kennedy, Harry Staires, L. A. Yandell, Melvin Bingham, Dale Munkus, Ralph Brown, and Doyle Dipboye.

Tulsa Street Commissioner Sid Patterson, speaking in behalf of Mayor L. C. Clark, welcomed the group to Tulsa and invited the convention to return for another session in the future.

Record Attendance

And so that was how it began—it turned out to be the best convention in many ways which has ever been recorded in the annals of our history. Attendance, which has been increasing for several years, reached a record this year of an estimated 2,000. Actual registration figures showed 1,370, which in itself is a record. The local committee was sure several hundred failed to register.

The day business sessions, which are usually lightly attended, saw several sections of the auditorium seating space filled with delegates and ministers. At least twenty-one states and the countries of India and Cuba were represented. For the first

W. S. Mooneyham

time delegates registered from Arizona and New Mexico.

As was expected, one of the highlights of the convention was the gospel preaching which was emphasized from beginning to end. CONTACT will feature as many of these sermons as possible in future issues. The first of them appears this month as the "Sermon of the Month". Others which were preached during the convention by Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, Norfolk, Va.; Rev. W. Burkette Raper, Mt. Olive, N. C., and Rev. Ralph Staten, Belmont, N. C., will appear later. Each of the speakers struck challenging notes as they presented the need for intensified effort in the fields of Christian education, missions, and evangelism.

Argentine Discussed

Two guests of the association, Rev. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Rev. Albert C. Johnson, assistant secretary of Visual Materials for the American Bible

lics in the Argentine who may have been subjected to various forms of religious persecution, but said he believes "the situation has been aggravated by the principle of church establishment which is upheld in the Argentine constitution."

Bible Distribution Cited

"Whenever a nation gives itself to the support of one particular church organization it adopts a policy which is always a potential cause of political and religious friction," he continued. Condemning the seclusion of any religious denominations, the speaker said.

"Much remains to be seen as to the results of the recent uprising and the effect which it will finally have on the cause of religious freedom in Argentine. Evangelicals sincerely hope the net result will be complete and equal religious freedom for all religious groups," Mr. Ford said.

In his report of the American Bible Society, Mr. Johnson said that in 1954 the Society put into circulation 1,690 copies of the Scriptures each and every hour. Fifty-five denominations need and use the



Officers elected at the annual convention last month at Tulsa, Okla., include (left to right) Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Detroit, Mich., moderator; Rev. Walter Carter, Rockingham, N. C., assistant moderator; Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, Glennville, Ga., clerk and (standing) Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary. Not shown is Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond, Calif., assistant clerk.

Society, presented the work of each of these organizations with which the association is affiliated. Mr. Ford emphasized that NAE provide spiritual unity without organic union and was performing a real service for the evangelical cause by maintaining many open doors that otherwise would have been closed.

He gave the first official Protestant pronouncement about the Argentine-Catholic conflict as he spoke to the delegation. He expressed sympathy for the Roman Catho-

Bible Society to translate, publish, and distribute, and encourage the use of the Bible for them, and Mr. Johnson asked that Free Will Baptists help in the task as much as possible. The associational clerk noted that in 1954 over 400,000 Free Will Baptists contributed only \$142.00 to this cause.

Memorial Service Held

A familiar face at every convention since the organization of the National Association was missing from the delegation at

Tulsa. This was Mrs. Zella (Grandma) Jacobs of Chesire, Ohio, who died on Thursday as she was planning to make the trip to Tulsa. A brief memorial service was conducted Wednesday evening by Rev. Henry Melvin who said that instead of waiting for "Sunrise Tomorrow", Mrs. Jacobs was having "Sunrise Today".

The dedication service for the headquarters building scheduled for Wednesday evening could not be held because sufficient funds had not come in to pay off the mortgage. The congregation that night gave over \$4,000 in cash and pledges, however, leaving something less than \$4,000 yet owing on the property. (A list of the pledges will be found on another page.)

One of the most touching highlights of the entire convention was the presentations made to the Reverend and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, missionaries to Cuba, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. One of these was a check for \$3,000 presented by Rev. Henry Melvin on behalf of the Free Will Baptist league to be used in constructing chapels in Cuba. The foreign missions department gave the pioneering missionary couple a complete set of sterling silver.



Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, directors of the missionary work in Cuba, were greeted by many friends on their silver wedding anniversary. Here Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, Norfolk, Va., presents them with a bag of silver for "Chapels for Cuba."

Missionaries Honored

Two silver tea services were given to the Willeys—one from the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention and one from the Woman's Auxiliary for St. Mary's church, New Bern, N. C.—while cash gifts were presented by the Woman's Auxiliary of Ashland City, Tenn., and Hull Road church, Snow Hill, N. C. The WNAC also presented Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk,

missionaries to India, with a set of luggage and later gave a piece of luggage to Miss Bessie Yeley, former missionary to Cuba, who was not present at the convention because of a recent operation.

One action of particular importance was the reaffirmation of the Cooperative Plan of Support adopted last year. Delegates expressed considerable dislike for a proposal by the General Board to designate only 20 percent of the denominational

budget as a cooperative budget, but voted favorably for an amendment which said "that the denominational budget adopted at this session be raised cooperatively inasmuch as possible with all boards and departments of the National Association participating in raising the Cooperative budget." (For additional action on the Cooperative Plan see "Report of General Board" on another page.)

Huntington in 1956

Invitations for the 1956 session were received from Huntington, W. Va., and Norfolk, Va. Delegates voted to accept the West Virginia invitation which was sponsored by the state conventions of Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky, and to express thanks to the Fairmount Park church in Norfolk for their invitation.

Below are some of the highlights from the reports of the various boards:

Home Missions—Announced the opening of Free Will Baptist work in Mexico and Canada, with Rev. James Timmons spearheading the work in Mexico. They also introduced another home missionary team who have been assigned to the Washington-Oregon area. They are Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite, McAlester, Okla. They reported more than 100 new churches organized last year, which raises the total to more than 500 since August, 1952. Since 1945 home mission giving has climbed from \$750 to over \$33,000, an increase of 4,500 per cent!

Seven Missionaries Appointed

Foreign Missions—Announced the appointment of seven new missionaries and plans to open a new field in French West Africa. Told of hopes to send missionaries into South America. A report from Japan,

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Five young people gave orations in the stewardship oration contest sponsored by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. Shown here with Mrs. Paul Pursell, Bristow, Okla., youth chairman of the WNAC (bottom left), are Elaine Leonard, Beaverdam church, N. C.; Pat Winters, Tupelo, Miss.; Virginia Bobo, Cordova, Ala. (runner-up); Doris Burkett, Holdenville, Okla. (winner), and Gilford Walker Joelton, Tenn.

Three Minutes to Midnight

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many, I'm sure, without God, simply because that officer refused to be moved by fear.

Hell Is Reality

We need more hell-fire and brimstone preaching today and less of the social, backslapping, do-the-best-you-can kind of gospel. Hell is a reality and we need to so declare it. The soul of man will live forever. When he leaves this earth there is only one of two places where he can go. The unsaved cannot go to heaven with their sins, else it would cease to be heaven. Do you want God to open heaven to all the unrepentant wicked who ever lived—blasphemers, murderers, harlots, thieves and drunkards? God has said in Revelation 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination."

Oh, what a fearful place hell must be! There where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. Surely there must be someone here tonight who is ready to say "The hour has come for me to be concerned about the unconcerned. The hour has come for me to get right with God." Three minutes to midnight. The hour is later than we think. Let's redeem the time, because the days are evil.

Appointment at Judgment

Recently in South Georgia one of the newspapers there carried the headline "CITY OFFICIAL ENDS HIS LIFE". But it wasn't so. True he left this world as far as human life is concerned but he lives on. In Hebrews 9:27 the Bible says "... It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." You know and I know that the first part of that statement is true. It is appointed unto men once to die. Vacant chairs, lonely hearts, cemeteries, graves and tombstones prove that it is appointed unto men once to die. But there is something else . . . after death the judgment. This is an appointment every man will have to keep, a meeting every unbeliever will have to attend.

But we have thrilling news for those who are unprepared to meet God. In Revelation 20, John says, "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened . . . and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books." Judgment is sure; judgment is certain for the person who goes out of this life without Christ. But, thank God, Jesus said in John 5:24, "He that heareth my words, and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life."

Reason for Failure

I am perfectly aware that in this vast congregation there may be a hundred preachers or several hundred and most of us dream of preparing ourselves for great achievements. We think of the person we

would like to become; of the things we would like to do. And yet, very few of us ever realize our desires and our ambitions. We dream of big churches, great evangelistic campaigns, of being used to lead multitudes to Christ.

Why do we fail? It is simply because we do not take advantage of the opportunities we have of preparing ourselves to do great things. Preachers intend to memorize Scripture, to become mighty in prayer, to become powerful personal workers—"Sometime." But sometime just hasn't arrived as yet. We are always going to begin *in the future*. But the said truth is that those who are always going to do something someday never seem to get around to it.

Oh, friends, will you please remember that only yesterday, this day was called tomorrow. Are you any nearer the goal you have set for yourself today than you were yesterday? Are you more concerned about the lost? Are you more concerned about getting out the gospel message through the modern facilities that are available?

God Doesn't Want Best

Reverend Ralph Staten, chairman of the Radio-Television Board of our National Association, in a recent article in our denominational papers has stated: "We must do something now! Catholics, Seventh Day Adventists, Lutherans, Churches of Christ, Missionary Baptists are spending multiplied thousands of dollars which run into the millions for radio and TV time. Free Will Baptists, not a single dollar." Mr. Staten went on to say that "Radio and Television are used by everyone to sell everything—except by Free Will Baptists to tell about the saving grace of Jesus Christ." Oh, we are very quick to recognize and give credit to many individual church efforts in scattered areas across the nation in the sponsoring of local radio programs and perhaps an occasional appearance on television. Thank God for each of these but the need nationally and denomination-wide is keenly urgent! Three minutes to midnight! The hour has come. Redeeming the time because the days are evil.

But someone says "Preacher, we're doing our best." And quoting from David R. Enlow in the *Alliance Weekly* I would say to you that "God doesn't want our best." The Apostle Paul said it in another and much better way in Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." In other words, God doesn't want our best; *He wants us!* Then He can do His best in and through us. Actually, our best is a stench in the nostrils of God, for it nurtures the very pride in us that keeps us perpetually in need of humbling.

Our Best for His Best

When God can get us, individually, to deliberately lay aside our best in favor of His best, then we are not tempted to take

the credit for the work He entrusts to us and accomplishes through us. He alone deserves and receives any glory. The multiplicity of activities that keep us going at a feverish pace will shrink to include only those endeavors ordained of God for us. What we engage in will have His benediction and will prove effectual to a far greater degree than we ever thought possible. With His hand upon us we are not likely to overtax our strength or attempt things beyond our abilities to perform.

In the fourth chapter of James, verses seven thru eleven, the writer lists some of the things that we are to do. And these things bear very little resemblance to the list of things being tried by the believer of today. Taking heed to these commands is the way to prepare ourselves for God's best to be done in and thru us.

Submit yourselves therefore to God; resist the devil; draw nigh to God; cleanse your hands, ye sinners; purify your hearts, ye double-minded; humble yourselves in the sight of God and He shall lift you up. We need to learn that God never asks us to pray for humility. Rather we are entreated time and time again to humble *ourselves*. When we take time to be alone with the Lord, He reveals to us our points of pride. Then it is that we must concentrate on these and overcome them in His strength and to His glory, resisting the urge to commend ourselves for the accomplishment.

The Way Up is Down

Many a businessman of today, many an evangelist, many a pastor, many a housewife is trying to establish a reputation, completely oblivious of the fact that God will not lift us up until we have humbled ourselves. Then and only then can He trust us with the important task or tasks in His vineyard. **THREE MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT.** . . . How we need to yield ourselves to Him at the beginning of each day, confident that as we allow Him to cleanse our hearts in His precious blood that he will do a new thing in and through us.

But, someone says, preacher do you really think these methods are effective: the preaching of hellfire and brimstone, frightening people into the kingdom of God. Do your converts stand? This same question was once asked of General William Bramwell Booth, the great founder of the Salvation Army, "Do your converts stand?" The questioner was amazed when the General replied, "No, they do not stand. They march forward!"

"Confusion of Faith"

I wish this could be said about Free Will Baptists everywhere. During the past three or four years I have been in revival meetings in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama and Mississippi and in many of those places I have seen our people becoming more and more complacent, indifferent, lukewarm, conforming to the world. The Word of God plainly says in Romans 12:2 "And be not con-

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formed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

I'm afraid we preachers are receiving too many people into our churches on a "confusion of faith" instead of a real experience with God. I repeat we need more old fashioned preaching of the blood-bought gospel of Jesus Christ, the need for a genuine born-again experience, calling sin by its right name and the leading of people into a complete know-so experience with God thru His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Perhaps then our people would catch a vision of the urgency of the hour in which we live. They'd be willing to spend and be spent for their church and the gospel's sake. The time: **THREE MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT** and it's time our people stopped standing and started marching forward. We've come a long way in the very recent years but we still have multitudes of Free Will Baptists who have kept pace with the time in about every way except in their spirituality and in their church progress. Their homes are very modern with all the modern luxuries and conveniences, radio, television, electric ironers and dishwashers, deep freezers, etc.

God's House Neglected

In the rural areas our people are getting the most up-to-date farm machinery that has been made. In our section the latest is a tobacco harvester. The cost is about \$2,300.00 and yet everybody is using them. They wouldn't go back to the old methods of farming and living for anything . . . in fact if they were to go back they'd starve to death. But . . . when it comes to the house of the Lord, that's a different thing. Some people will let their Free Will Baptist church rot and fall down around them simply because they say, "This is the place where dad and grandad worshipped and we don't want to change it at all."

I believe our churches ought to be just as attractive and beautiful as we can make them. After all it's the Lord's house and nothing is too good for it. In Savannah, even though our church is less than two years old as far as the first pastor's service is concerned, we have air-conditioned our church auditorium. As we look to the future and plan a main sanctuary we plan to build the most modern of up-to-date structures. We are not modernizing the Gospel or compromising in the least, but I believe we ought to modernize and streamline and make our buildings and places of worship the most attractive—second-to-none as far as other churches and denominations are concerned.

Dare to Launch Out

It is not because Free Will Baptists do not have the money and the wherewithal. I was in a meeting at a church not too long ago where the old building was about to collapse. One woman in the congregation of that church offered \$500.00 as a start for the building of a new edifice. A man said he would provide all the timber that

would be needed from the vast timberlands which he owned. A saw mill nearby offered to cut the logs into timber without charge for the church, two carpenters in the church offered their services as a donation to the church. All of this, yet the plan was voted down because of sentiment and tradition!

The hour has come when our people and our nation needs to trust God, serve Him and stand for righteousness without apology . . . dare to launch out into the deep, expecting great things from God, attempting big things for God.

I believe with all my heart that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. No one can read the Bible and believe it and not believe in the second coming of Christ when "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God . . ." (II Thessalonians 4:16)—when the same Jesus who was taken up from the disciples into heaven will so come in like manner as they saw him go into heaven (Acts 1:11). This is the personal literal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, as Dr. R. G. Lee says, not some new movement for the uplift of humanity, not some sweeping revival, not some gifts from Christ, not some catastrophe when God makes the wrath of men to praise Him. Revelation 1:7 says "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him. . . ."

Second Coming Clearly Taught

Clearly, definitely, unmistakably, is the second coming taught in the Word of God with only the doctrine of the atonement occupying a more prominent place among the teachings of the Bible. In the New Testament the second coming is mentioned 318 times. When the first coming is mentioned one time the second coming is mentioned eight times.

Only by ignorant spiritualizing, or carelessly ignoring or looking upon these passages as interpolations or by tearing language out of its setting and rendering it meaningless, can one throw out the mass of evidence that Scripture presents. The promise of Jesus to return is the crown and consummation of promises. It is the coronation of all evangelistic hopes, the consummation of prophecy. His promise is unmistakably divine, true, final. *He is coming again.*

Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 4:13-15 "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep."

Challenges to Action

Oh, how terrible to be ignorant of some of the greatest of things! To know botany and be ignorant of Jesus, as the Lily of

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The Prayer Fellowship

J. REFORD WILSON, *Leader*

I suggest that you read Ephesians 6:18 to share the concern of the Apostle Paul for a "prayer fellowship". He defines the kind of praying we are to do, "praying . . . in the spirit", which is very similar to the plea of Jude, "building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost". It must have been such prayers which the Apostle John saw in the angel's hand (Revelation 8:2-4). In this attitude of prayer join with us in remembering the following requests:

▶ The promotional-secretaries of the various departments of the denomination as they set in motion the plans adopted by the recent National Association.

▶ The newly elected officers of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention and for their projects to provide equipment which will aid the missionaries in North India in proclaiming the gospel.

▶ The Missouri state convention which meets at the Fellowship church, Flat River, August 22-26.

▶ The newly commissioned home missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite, to the states of Oregon and Washington.

▶ The American Bible Society in distributing the Scriptures and that Free Will Baptists will give more support to this work.

▶ The many youth of our denomination that God will direct them to our colleges for Christian training. Especially remember Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and Rev. Burkett Raper, president of Mt. Allen Junior College.

▶ The several churches which are making pastoral changes. Pray that they may have divine guidance.

▶ For the approved candidates by the Board to the Board of Foreign Missions be granted to the field of work in which God can use them.

▶ For Miss Bessie Yeley that she may soon recover from a major operation to begin her home mission work in Mexico.

▶ A prayer of thanksgiving should be offered for the gifts made at the national association to decrease the indebtedness of the headquarters building, the gift made by the layman to pay the existing deficit of CONTACT and the gift from the League Board to the Board of Foreign Missions for the building of chapels in Cuba.

▶ Pray for the editor and writers of CONTACT and that each subscriber may secure at least one other subscriber during the month of August.

Venture with a Vision

We hope our readers have understood that the author is not trying to present in this series a detailed history of the Free Will Baptist denomination. The Board of Publications and Literature have able men who have worked years to produce a detailed history of the denomination which they hope to publish this year. Mr. Dodd is telling the story in the literary style of a romance. We are nearing the end of the series and the publishing of the book, which will be ready by the last of November.

The General Conference of Free Will Baptists, although organized in 1827, did not formally adopt any constitution or by-laws until 1941. At that time it was deemed expedient by the body to set up certain rules and regulations for the governing of the Conference, so the following was adopted by way of a constitution:*

Section II Constitution and By-Laws of the General Conference

Article 1—This Conference shall be called the General Conference of the Free-will Baptist connection; and shall be composed of delegates chosen from yearly meetings of said connection, which yearly meeting shall have been recognized as such by the conference in the manner mentioned in the second article of this Constitution.

Article 2—Any yearly meeting may be received as a body into this Conference by vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present at any regular session. It shall be the duty of yearly meetings to report themselves by delegation and letter to each session of the Conference giving in their letters their statistics.

Article 3—Each yearly meeting belonging to this Conference shall be entitled to representation by one delegate; and every yearly meeting whose church communicants amount to one thousand five hundred, to two delegates, and one additional delegate to each additional thousand church members.

Officers Named

Article 4—The stated sessions of this Conference shall be held once in three years, to commence on the first Wednesday in October, at 10 O'Clock, A.M., the place for each session to be designated by the session next preceding, or by a committee appointed by such preceding session for that purpose. Extra sessions may be

Damon C. Dodd

appointed, or the time between sessions lengthened by vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present at any session of Conference.

Article 5—The officers of this Conference shall consist of a standing clerk, who shall retain his office until he resigns or another be chosen to fill his place; a moderator, assistant moderator, and assistant clerks, to be chosen, at each session. Said officers to be chosen by ballot, or by nomination of a committee appointed for that purpose.

Article 6—It shall be the duty of the standing clerk to keep a record of the doings of the Conference. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside in the sessions of the Conference. It shall be the duty of the assistant officers to perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers.

Right to Discipline

Article 7—It shall be the duty of the Conference to receive and act upon communications from the yearly meetings properly belonging to this body, to exercise supervision over the Printing Establishment, and consult for the interest of religion in the Freewill Baptist denomination.

Article 8—This Conference shall have the right to discipline, and if necessary, exclude such yearly meetings and other associations as may be connected with it; but in no case shall it have power to reverse or change the decisions of churches, quarterly meetings, or yearly meetings, or any other religious bodies.

Article 9—This Conference may make such by-laws and regulations, not repugnant to this Constitution, as it may deem necessary.

Article 10—This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of this Conference by vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present, provided such amendment has been proposed at a previous session, and

approved by at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the yearly meetings belonging to the Conference.

Committees Listed

Eighteen articles are listed in the By-Laws, two of which will give a good insight into the work and decorum of the General Conference. Article 5 lists the committees to be appointed at each session, and they were the Committees on:

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| 1—The Printing Establishment | 11—Peace |
| 2—Educational | 12—Church Polity |
| 3—Sabbath Schools | 13—Petitions and Requests |
| 4—Temperance | 14—State of Religion |
| 5—Ministry | 15—Observance of the Sabbath |
| 6—Slavery | 16—Doctrine |
| 7—Missions | 17—State of the Denomination |
| 8—Correspondence | |
| 9—Moral Reform | |
| 10—Property | |

Article 5 closed by providing that "Special committees may be appointed at the pleasure of the Conference."

Article 16 of the By-Laws reads, "No whispering shall be allowed in Conference without leave of the moderator; but all members shall pay strict attention to the business of Conference." Evidently the business of General Conference was considered to be of such importance and the responsibility of each individual was so keen that the strictest of attention to the matters at hand was expected and required of everyone in attendance.

Conference Growth Scheduled

The growth of the General Conference was steady and consistent, and the Free Will Baptist Register for 1869 showed 29 yearly meetings, 150 quarterly meetings, 1248 ordained and licensed ministers, and 63,543 members.

Free Will Baptists have been missionary-minded almost since the inception of the denomination. In 1832 the first "Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society" was organized. This organization came about as a result of a letter written by Rev. Amos Sutton, an English General Baptist missionary in India. The letter, written to the *Morning Star* and published, April 13, 1832, closed as follows: "I have lived more than six years in the province of Orissa, and a great part of the time close to this enormous Jagarnath. I have seen the mangled victims of his infuriated adorers lying by hundreds upon hundreds exposed to the birds and beasts. I have listened to their

*Freewill Baptist Faith—Dover, New Hampshire, January 1, 1869

dying exclamations . . . , I have seen the pit dug, and the fire kindled in it to consume the young widow with her husband's corpse. . . . The Gospel is the antidote for all these miseries. . . . Come, then, my American brethren, come over and help us."^{*}

Mission Society Formed

The publication of this letter led to the formation of the Free Will Baptist Mission Society in 1832 and in January, 1833, it was chartered by the State Legislature of Maine. Eld. John Buzzell was chosen as first president in March.

In June of 1834, Mr. Sutton came before the New Hampshire yearly meeting and spoke in behalf of the need in India. At the close of his message, an offering of \$100 was received. In September, 1835, Mr. Sutton returned to India with several new missionary recruits, among which were Jeremiah Phillips and Eli Noyes and their wives. These were the first Free Will Baptist missionaries ever to be sent out by the denomination and for a while they worked with the English General Baptists. However, in 1836, after general and harmonious consultation, it was agreed that the Free Will Baptist missionaries would occupy their own station. Sambhalpur, 250 miles from Cuttack, the General Baptist station, was chosen and our missionaries went at once to their new fields.

Interest in missions increased rapidly over the denomination so that soon other missionaries were sent out to India. In May, 1840 Dr. and Mrs. Otis Bachelor and Miss Hannah W. Cummings were sent and in November, 1843, Rev. James C. Dow and wife joined the India group. In September, 1841 the Balasore quarterly meeting was organized in India and the work was set up on a more prosperous scale.

Missionary Spirit Thrives

The following excerpts taken from the Digest of General Conference Law, published in 1895, gives a summary of the growth of the missionary spirit among Free Will Baptist people over the years. *October 10, 1835—Byron, New York*—"Conference declares that the cause of missions is the cause of God, and that the prosperity of the denomination depends in great measure upon the success of the mission movement in the churches."

October 4, 1837—Greenville, Rhode Island—"Conference recommends the mission societies to enlarge their operations, trusting in God to provide necessary means."

October 2, 1844—Plainfield, New York—"Conference praises God for the prosperity attending the infant mission in Orissa (India) and urges the operation of the cent-a-week system in the collection of mission funds."

October 10, 1868—Buffalo, New York—"Conference directs investigation respecting the propriety of opening a mission in China and Turkey."

African Field Opened

October 4, 1871—Hillsdale, Michigan—"The executive committee of the Foreign Mission Society is authorized to estimate the amount required annually for the India field, and apportion the same upon the churches."

September 25, 1889—Harper's Ferry, West Virginia—"The Foreign Mission Board is to consider the expediency of establishing a mission in Africa."

This latter idea became a reality when in 1900, a young African by the name of Lewis P. Clinton, a graduate of the Free Will Baptist College for Negroes (Storer College in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia) was sent back to Liberia. His support was furnished by the Free Will Baptist Young People's Societies. He established a mission at Grand Bassa, Liberia, and for years reported regularly to the *Morning Star*. It is assumed that this work was taken over by the Northern Baptists after 1911.

During these prosperous years, Free Will Baptists carried on a thorough and aggressive home mission program. Let us trace the activities of the Home Mission Board down through the years by means of the Digest of Conference Law.*

City Churches Suggested

The Freewill Baptist Parent Home Mission Society of North America was organized at Dover, New Hampshire, August, 1834.

October 4, 1837—Greenville, Rhode Island—"Conference recommends the Home Mission Society to keep an agent traveling in the field for the purpose of instructing the churches and collecting funds."

In 1844, the General Conference recommended that special attention be given toward establishing churches in the large cities, and in 1847 New York, Buffalo, and Cincinnati were designated as cities where Free Will Baptist churches should be organized.

October 1, 1862—Hillsdale, Michigan—"The quarterly meeting should arrange to have every church visited . . . by at least 2 of its ministers each year, who should devote at least 2 days of religious worship, for the benefit of the church and the salvation of souls."

The controversy which raged over the question of slavery vitally affected Free Will Baptists and the northern group represented by General Conference went on record as being opposed to slavery in any form. Among other documents of historical value to Free Will Baptists to be found in the historical repository in Rochester, New York, is a letter from President Lincoln to the General Conference of Free Will Baptists commending them for their position.

Storer College Founded

Immediately after the war between the states, the following action was taken:

October 4, 1865—Lewiston, Maine—"Conference directs immediate efforts for sending the Gospel to the Freedmen."

Out of this action of General Conference came Storer College for Negroes, which

was established at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, in 1867. Dr. O. B. Cheney, president of Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, visited Mr. John Storer of Sanford, Maine in behalf of Bates. Instead of a gift to Bates College, Storer proposed to give \$10,000 to some society which would "raise an equal amount toward the founding of a school in the south for the benefit of the colored people."^{*} Dr. Cheney accepted the challenge and in a short time was able to raise the other \$10,000.

At the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board in Northwood, New Hampshire, June 6, 1867, a body, composed of 25 gentlemen was organized as the "Commission for the Promotion of Education in the South." Out of this came Storer College, the first session of which institution began on Monday, October 2, 1867. This school is still in operation on the original site and it was the privilege of this writer to visit there briefly in December, 1954. The institution is governed by an interdenominational board of control and no longer has any Free Will Baptist connections.

Bible Institute Opened

At about the same time, a Bible training school was opened for Negroes in Cairo, Illinois, under the name of the Manning Bible Institute. This school was very active until the early 1920s when it was closed because no funds were available for its operation. Many of the leaders among the United American Free Will Baptists, (the Negro movement) received their training at Manning Institute, in Cairo, Illinois.

October 7, 1874, Providence, Rhode Island—"Conference advises the raising of a fund of \$50,000 for the Boston Church." This fund was raised through the Sunday Schools and Young People's organizations in three years.

July 21, 1880—Weirs, New Hampshire—"The coming of the Chinese to this country opens a new door for missionary work, and the churches which have Chinese near them, should use all reasonable efforts to Christianize them."

"New West" Committee

General Conference maintained a standing committee known as the "Committee on the New West" whose functions was to push the Free Will Baptist Church westward as the country grew and to have new organizations in those areas constantly. It is very significant to note that this committee, with the late Rev. John H. Wolfe as chairman, had a report to offer the General Conference in 1910 in which four new churches were proposed in Montana and Wyoming. This report was ruled out of order in view of the pending merger proposals.

General Conference established educational institutions in various localities. The

*His Name Among All Nations—Barnard—P. 101
**History of Storer College—Miss Kate J. Anthony—August 15, 1883

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records of General Conference indicate the following schools and Bible Institutes:

- Biblical School—Whitestown, New York
- Maine State Seminary—Lewiston, Maine
- New Hampton College—
- Hillsdale College—Hillsdale, Michigan
- Bates College—Lewiston, Maine

In 1868, General Conference voted to endow New Hampton and Hillsdale Colleges to the amount of \$75,000 and Hillsdale and Bates Colleges to the amount of \$100,000 each and that efforts be made to supply every young man studying for the ministry in either of the theological schools the sum of \$200 annually. In 1889 the Conference authorized the establishment of a Correspondence School. This school was duly established and put into operation.

Adopts Cooperative Plan

The idea of a cooperative plan of support is not a novel one in the Free Will Baptist movement. At the 21st session of General Conference in Hillsdale, Michigan, October 4, 1871, a cooperative program was adopted as follows:*

"Conference decides to raise annually a sum of not less than fifty cents per resident member of the denomination, to be divided in the proportion of 2/5 to home mission, and 1/5 to education, and the quarterly and yearly meeting clerks are directed to apportion the amounts to the churches." Thus, the original cooperative program in the Free Will Baptist denomination was 40% for foreign missions, 40% home missions, and 20% for education.

Budget Is Doubled

To further emphasize these needs, special days were designated through the year when the programs were to be presented to the churches and special offerings were to be made for each cause. In 1892 the total budget for these departments was set for the three ensuing years thus:

1893.....	\$ 50,000
1894.....	75,000
1895.....	100,000

In this connection, it must be borne in mind that only 63,000 members were being called on to support these programs and raise these budgets.

From the foregoing it can be seen that Free Will Baptist denomination was a well-organized, smooth-functioning machine. Next month we will see how this organization was shifted and manipulated to fit into the evil schemes of selfish, avaricious men, climaxing in the so-called merger between Free Will Baptists and Northern Baptists.

*Digest of Conference Law—Page 104

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If You're Moving . . .

In the circulation files of CONTACT there is a section containing more than 100 addressing stencils of subscribers who have moved and left no forwarding address. These subscriptions are paid up and we would like for them to be receiving the paper, but every time we send one it costs us two cents for the post office to return it to us.

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Annual Convention

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which Free Will Baptist missionaries entered for the first time last October, told of the organization of a Sunday school in the garage of the missionary's home. Applications are on file for approximately thirty missionary candidates, three of these being pre-medical students.

Superannuation—Plans are underway to open a full-time office at the denominational headquarters building. No announcement was made, however, regarding the secretary who would head the office.

Bible College—Chairman of the board said they felt a strong need to move the institution to a larger campus and turn present facilities into a seminary. No recommendations or plans regarding this were presented, however. They reported a record enrollment of 185 students last year.

Progress Reported

Executive—Announced that after a decline in circulation, CONTACT was climbing back and that the bulletin service is now being used by over 100 churches.

Publications—Announced publication of new *Minister's Manual* with forms and ceremonies for every occasion.

Sunday School—Displayed materials of the new six-point record system published by the department. Announced publication of a new Sunday school manual by 1956 and revealed that graded Sunday school literature is being prepared for publication by the first quarter of 1956.

Radio-TV—Announced plans for transcriptions of gospel programs to be made available for use by local churches.

Message to President

The following telegram was dispatched from Tulsa at the close of the convention on the eve of the President's departure for the Geneva Conference:

Tulsa, Okla.
July 14, 1955

PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED FREE WILL BAPTIST DELEGATES ASSEMBLED IN ANNUAL SESSION TODAY ARE PRAYING FOR YOU AND OTHER WORLD LEADERS AS YOU MEET IN GENEVA. SPECIAL PRAYER FOLLOWED RESOLUTION CALLING ON ENTIRE CONSTITUENCY OF 400,000 TO JOIN IN ASKING FOR GOD'S LEADERSHIP FOR YOU.

W. S. MOONEYHAM, Exec. Sec'y
National Association of Free Will Baptists

The following reply was received from Mr. Sherman Adams, assistant to the President:

Dear Mr. Mooneyham:

Thank you for your message. Before the President left for the Geneva Conference he asked me to express his appreciation for your very kind thought of him and for your prayers.

Sincerely,

Sherman Adams

Report of Budget Committee

We recommend the adoption of a total denominational budget of \$324,630 for the next eighteen months as proposed by the following departments:

Foreign Missions	\$138,200
Home Missions	52,100
Radio-TV	1,500
Executive Department	29,000
Bible College	58,850
Superannuation	22,200
Free Will Baptist League	8,250
Sunday School Department	14,530

We further recommend that the budget of the Bible College be retained on the present fiscal year basis because of its operation being connected with the school year.

We further recommend that all cooperative funds be distributed on the following percentages until the budget of the Executive Department has been met and that the remaining percentage be allocated to the other budgets according to the proper ratio: Foreign Missions, 22%; Home Missions 8%; Radio-TV, 1%; Executive Department, 45%; Bible College, 15%; Superannuation, 4%; Free Will Baptist League, 2%; Sunday School Department, 3%.

Three Minutes to Midnight

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the Valley. To know astronomy and be ignorant of Christ, the bright and morning star. To know biology and not know the life of Jesus. To know the ages of rocks and not know the Rock of Ages. To know mathematics and be ignorant of how to add to faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, kindness and love. To have one's name written on checks and not on the Lamb's Book of Life.

Whether you agree with me or not, I believe that the hands on God's clock indeed point to three minutes to midnight. "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh . . ." (Matthew 25:6). The hour has come and now is for we who call ourselves by the name of Christ to stop whimpering and complaining, to stop our fault-finding and our undue criticism, to stop driving a wedge of dissention and to join forces in uniting to fight against the wiles of the devil—redeeming the time because the days are evil.

You and I are part of a denomination which still clings steadfastly to the "faith once delivered to the saints." We believe that the hope of the world in these perilous days is still to be found in the blood-bought gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in the power of God's Holy Spirit. Let's show forth to the city of Tulsa, and the nations of the world that we do believe in these principles, during the coming sessions of this national convention. Let's unite! Let's take a stand for God and progress and against Satan and all that would hinder. It's later than we think.

Association Personnel

One star indicates elected at this session; two stars mean re-elected.

Officers:

- Moderator—**Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Detroit, Mich.
- Assistant—**Rev. Walter Carter, Rockingham, N. C.
- Clerk—*Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, Glennville, Ga.
- Assistant—*Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond, Calif.
- Executive Secretary—**Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn.

General Board:

- **Rev. A. J. Lambert, Brilliant, Ala.
- *Mr. Raymond McNutt, Walnut Ridge, Ark. Rev. Wade Jernigan, Kerman, Calif.
- **Mr. Ernest Owen, Chipley, Fla.
- *Mr. G. C. King, Sylvester, Ga.
- *Rev. William Buster, Thebes, Ill.
- **Rev. F. S. VanHoose, Paintsville, Ky.
- *Rev. T. M. Pate, Detroit, Mich.
- **Mr. W. G. Prude, Tupelo, Miss.
- Rev. George W. Scott, Myrtle, Mo.
- *Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C.
- **Rev. Russell Milam, Minford, Ohio
- *Rev. Weldon Wood, Ada, Okla.
- *Rev. Fred Powers, Timmonsville, S. C.
- *Rev. Harvey Hill, Elizabethton, Tenn.
- *Rev. C. B. Thompson, Ft. Worth, Texas
- **Mr. E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.
- **Rev. John M. Henson, Hurricane, W. Va.

Foreign Mission Board:

- Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Ark.1956
- Rev. Rolla Smith, Mo.1957
- Rev. J. W. Alford, N. C.1958
- Rev. Raymond Riggs, Tenn.1959
- **Rev. Mark M. Lewis, Mich.1960

Home Mission Board:

- Rev. J. B. Bloss, Tenn.1956
- Rev. H. E. Staires, Okla.1957
- Rev. R. H. Jackson, N. C.1958
- Rev. Willard C. Day, Mo.1959
- **Rev. Homer E. Willis, Tenn.1960

Bible College Trustees:

- Rev. Melvin Bingham, Okla.; Rev. James F. Miller, N. C.; Rev. J. R. Davidson, N. C.1956
- Rev. Luther Gibson, Miss.; Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, N. C.; Rev. J. L. Welch, Tenn.1958
- Rev. K. V. Shutes, Ga.; Rev. Paul Ketterman, S. C.; Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Ga.1960

Superannuation Board:

- Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Fla.1956
- Rev. D. W. Hansley, N. C.1957
- Rev. J. O. Fort, N. C.1958
- Rev. Roy Rikard, N. C.1959
- *Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Okla.1960

League Board:

- Rev. C. F. Bowen, Tenn.1956
- Rev. R. B. Crawford, N. C.1957
- Rev. W. Burkette Raper, N. C.1958
- Rev. Henry Melvin, N. C.1959
- *Rev. Dale Munkus, Ark.1960

Publication Board:

- Rev. Seldon Bullard, N. C.1956
- Rev. Rufus Hyman, Fla.1957
- Rev. J. C. Griffin, N. C.1958
- Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, N. C.1959
- **Mr. L. E. Duncan, Miss.1960

Sunday School Board:

- Rev. LaVerne Miley, Tenn.1956
- Mr. Earl Smith, Ark.1957
- Rev. John H. West, Okla.1958
- Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mo.1959
- **Rev. Charles Sapp, Texas1960

Radio-TV Board:

- Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Miss.1956
- Rev. John Oliver, Tenn.1957
- Rev. Harry Beatty, Mo.1958
- Rev. Ralph Staten, N. C.1959
- *Rev. Jerry Dudley, Calif.1960

Headquarters Trustees:

- Rev. Lester Jones, Mo.1956
- Mr. Garner Caldwell, Tenn.1957



For the first time since we have been featuring a "Church of the Month" we cross the ocean to present this lovely new Immanuel Free Will Baptist church in Kotagiri, South India. The picture was taken from the side of one of the steep mountains which are typical of this area where Miss Laura Belle Barnard and Miss Volena Wilson labor as our missionaries. Rev. Joshua Paul is the Indian pastor of the Kota congregation. The church was built at a cost of 10,000 rupees, or between four and five thousand dollars. The money was appropriated out of the missionary allotment for South India.

Report of Planning Commission

Whereas there is a real need for coordinated planning by all departments of the National Association; and

Whereas this planning should be done for a long-range period of at least five years taking into consideration world needs and denominational potential;

We therefore, recommend that each board and department of the National Association be instructed to prepare a list of its goals and aims for the next five years beginning January 1, 1957, with the year in which they hope to accomplish each, and that this list be sent to the Executive Secretary by January 1, 1956, for use by the Planning Commission in formulating for the denomination a "Five-Year Plan of Progress" beginning January 1, 1957, and climaxing January 1, 1962.

- Mr. J. J. Poole, Tenn.1958
- Rev. H. D. Bailey, Tenn.1959
- **Mr. J. B. Reding, Tenn.1960

Stewardship Commission:

- Rev. D. C. Dodd, Tenn.; Rev. F. B. Cherry, N. C.; Rev. R. B. Crawford, N. C.; Rev. Eddie Corn, S. C.; Rev. Robert Hill, Tenn. (Terms expire in 1959.)

Historical Commission:

- *Rev. Paul Woolsey, Tenn.; *Rev. Ralph Staten, N. C.; *Rev. D. C. Dodd, Tenn.; *Rev. George W. Millon, Ark.; *Mr. I. L. Stanley, Tenn.

Polity Committee:

- **Rev. J. L. Welch, Tenn.; *Rev. O. H. Doss, Calif.; *Rev. W. A. Hales, S. C.

Layman's Organizational Committee:

- *Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Tenn.; *Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mo.; *Rev. Luther Gibson, Miss.

Planning Commission:

- Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Mich.; Rev. Walter Carter, N. C.; Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Ga.; Rev. Dean Moore, Calif.; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Tenn.; Rev. J. B. Bloss, Tenn.; Rev. John L. Welch, Tenn.; Rev. Mark M. Lewis, Mich.; Rev. David W. Hansley, N. C.; Rev. John H. West, Okla. (Terms expire in 1957.)

Committees Elected

Committee on Committees: Rev. J. L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Mo.; Rev. R. B. Crawford, Greenville, N. C.; Rev. O. H. Doss, Modesto, Calif.; Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Columbus, Miss.

Temperance: Rev. H. A. Pitts, Winfield, Ala.; Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Miss.; Rev. Willard C. Day, Fredericktown, Mo.; Rev. J. E. White, Warren, Ark.; Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond, Calif.

Placement for 1957 session: Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Mo.

Program: The Executive Secretary, chairman, general officers, and chairman of each standing board.

Nominating: Rev. James F. Miller, Kinston, N. C.; Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Pochontas, Ark.; Rev. Earl Jensen, Turlock, Calif.; Rev. E. M. French, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo.

Resolutions: Rev. George Scott, Myrtle, Mo.; Rev. Charles Sapp, Bryan, Texas; Rev. Joseph Ange, Durham, N. C.; Rev. Weldon Wood, Ada, Okla.; Rev. J. R. Davidson, Goldsboro, N. C.

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Woman's Auxiliary

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Women at Work

National Convention Elects New Officers

Mrs. Homer Willis, Paintsville, Ky., and Mrs. LaVerne Miley, Nashville, Tenn., were elected to the top positions in the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention at the twentieth annual session held July 11-12 at Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Willis was named executive secretary-treasurer to succeed Mrs. H. B. Sloan, who had held the position two years. Mrs.

eign countries. A breakdown on the registration showed there were in attendance 84 delegates, 18 field workers and state presidents, 189 ministers, and six missionaries.

The highlights of the program were the missionary messages brought by two missionary couples who were home on furlough. Featured on the program were Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Cuba, and Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk, India. Their messages were in connection with the convention theme, "Our Need for Such a Time as This."

Doris Burkett, Holdenville, Okla., was the winner among five contestants in the stewardship oration contest. Virginia Bobo, Cordova, Ala., was the runner-up. (See picture of contestants on page 5.) The convention voted to use the subject "Missions" in the speech contest next year instead of the stewardship theme which has been used in the past.

They also voted to sponsor essay contests among the YPA's and GTA's using the subject, "The Worth of a Family Altar." These contests will be under the direction of Mrs. Helen Sanders, youth chairman.

News items from the field a little scarce this month. Perhaps all the women have been too busy at summer camps or varied activities to report. This column can be only as good as you make it. Let's hear from the "Women at Work" next month . . . The executive office of WNAC tells us that about 1,000 copies of the new manual have been sold the first month. At fifty cents a copy, the first printing of this valuable 148-page manual will soon be gone . . . A GTA with 18 members was organized July 7 at the Lawnwood church, Tulsa. Judy Bennett is president; Virginia Bryant, vice-president; Patsy Reid, secretary; Patricia Martin, treasurer, and Barbara Staires, chorister. Mrs. Essie Puckett is their sponsor.

A new book is now at the printers and will be ready for distribution about September 1, according to the WNAC executive office. It is "Missionary Training of Our Youth" by Mrs. Paul Pursell. It will replace the book, "Working with Our Youth," which is out of print. No price is available yet on the new book . . . A YPA has been organized at the Third Free Will Baptist church in St. Louis, Mo. The meetings consist of a devotional, games, and refreshments . . . The achievement charts for local auxiliaries are being revised to conform with the new manual. The new charts will be twenty-five cents each, the same price as before, and they will be ready about September 1.

New Hope district convention met, July 2, at Pleasant Grove church, Greenbrier, Ark. Mrs. R. G. Lane installed new officers, who are, Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, president; Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, vice-president; Mrs. Wayne Thacker, recording secretary; Mrs. Billy Nichols, corresponding secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Ethel Wilson, field secretary. Chairmen are Mrs. Thomas McDaniel, Mrs. Ernest Turner, prayer; Mrs. Leonard Dempsey, benevolence; Mrs. Artis Clay, study course, and Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, program. Next session will be October 8 at Conway . . . National president and secretary will release soon state goals for the visual aid fund for India. WNAC wants to raise at least \$1,000 for this missionary project . . . Gifts for the missionaries from the WNAC during the annual convention included a silver tea service to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, a set of luggage to Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk, and a piece of luggage to Miss Bessie Yeley.

In a note to the WNAC executive office Miss Yeley said, "I wish to send my sincere thanks for the beautiful piece of luggage. It was a great surprise, and a welcome one. I am anxious to start in my new work. I feel I will be very happy among the Mexicans when I get to know them."



MRS. HOMER WILLIS

Miley was elected president to succeed Mrs. R. B. Crawford.

Other new officers elected include Mrs. J. B. Chism, Turbeville, S. C., vice-president; Mrs. Ralph Staires, Tulsa, Okla., recording secretary, and Mrs. Ronald Creech, Warwick, Va., assistant secretary. Named to the following posts as chairmen were Mrs. Cecil Campbell, New Bern, N. C., stewardship-prayer; Mrs. Paul Pursell, Bristow, Okla., study course; Mrs. Helen Sanders, Cordova, Ala., youth; Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo., literature; Miss Joyce Thompson, Detroit, Mich., promotional, and Mrs. E. D. Hellard, Houston, Texas, personal service.

Mrs. Willis will take over the executive office at the denominational headquarters building in Nashville about September 1.

The annual convention saw the largest attendance registered in its history. Registration figures showed 768 attended. These represented seventeen states and two for-



MRS. LAVERNE MILEY

Among other items of business the convention voted to purchase visual aid equipment for use on the mission field in India in the amount of \$1,000,

Recent Offerings Push Loyalty Fund Over \$9,000

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Receipts for the "Loyalty Gift" Appeal since July 1, coupled with special offerings given at the national convention, have pushed the total to over \$9,000, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary, has announced. This leaves a little less than \$6,000 needed to pay the mortgage on the denominational headquarters building.

Between two and three thousand dollars of the balance was pledged at the national convention, Mr. Mooneyham said. "Offerings are still needed," he said, "for every dollar that we can pay on the mortgage now means that much less interest which will accrue." A large group of individuals and churches pledged monthly offerings, the secretary said, and he urged others to join them with regular offerings marked for debt liquidation.

Offerings which were received after July 1 include the following: Buncombe church, Carthage, Texas, \$20; Fifth Union of Eastern Conference, N. C., \$40; Community church, Harpville, Ala., \$14; Rev. W. S. Isbell, Russellville, Ark., \$5; Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn., \$5; First church, Houston, Texas, \$25; First church, Joplin, Mo., \$11; Georgia state association, \$51.72; South Carolina churches, \$167.91; Mr. W. S. Roberson, Wise, Va., \$5; Pvt. Wayne L. Waggoner, New York, N. Y., \$2; Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Knoxville, Tenn., \$30.

First church, Kansas City, Mo., \$15; Mr. V. H. Gean, Waterloo, Ala., \$3; Central Ave. church, Okla. City, \$25; Puritan church, Sciotoville, Ohio, \$17.50; Third Union of Western Conference, N. C., \$25; First church, Warwick, Va., \$5.13; Trent church, New Bern, N. C., \$5.12; First church, Dothan, Ala., \$21.25; Pine-town senior league, N. C., \$5; Miss Esther Davis, Davis, N. C., \$1; Unity church, Sylacauga, Ala., \$3.50; Ebenezer church, Glennville, Ga., \$20; Cramerton church, N. C., \$25; High Hill church, Lake City, S. C., \$10; Miss Gertrude Bowe, Chicago, Ill., \$10; Mr. J. H. Osborne, Olanta, S. C., \$15; and unrecorded gifts, \$26.

Five states exceeded the quotas set for them. These were California, Illinois, New Mexico, Oregon, and South Carolina.

Below is the list of pledges received at the national convention in Tulsa. Some of them have already been paid:

Rev. F. S. VanHoose, Paintsville, Ky.	\$500.00
Rev. H. C. Beasley, Flat River, Mo.	100.00
Rev. D. Selph Jones, Aldrich, Mo.	100.00
Mr. Royce Hogan, Flint, Mich.	100.00
Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Columbus, Miss.	25.00
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn. ...	50.00
Rev. T. O. Terry, Cove City, N. C.	100.00
Rev. Henry Melvin, Winterville, N. C.	100.00
Mr. R. E. Smith, Winterville, N. C.	50.00
Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Pocahontas, Ark. ...	100.00
Rev. Carl Williams, Mt. Vernon, Ill.	100.00
Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Mo. ...	100.00
Rev. Dale Munkus, Tulsa, Okla.	100.00
Rev. W. A. Hales, Florence, S. C.	100.00

Report of Resolutions Committee

- Inasmuch as we are in the midst of terrific world tension in relationships between nations, and inasmuch as the chief executive of our nation, Dwight D. Eisenhower, is to go to Geneva on Friday of this week along with other government officials, therefore be it resolved that this National Association of Free Will Baptists set aside at least a brief period of special prayer for wisdom and guidance for our governmental representatives during this pending conference, and that we send the President a telegram assuring him of our prayers.
- In view of the fact that getting out the gospel of Christ on a world-wide basis, is the nearest thing to the heart of God, be it further resolved that in the interest of those who have never heard of Christ, even the first time, that we recommend the setting aside of one night session each year in our National Association for mission emphasis, inspiration, and information.
- Be it further resolved that the National association or the next highest body in the state recommend to the National Association a person to represent it on the General Board.
- Be it further resolved that the National Association extend a rising vote of thanks to the Tulsa churches, the state convention of churches in Oklahoma, the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, the *Tulsa World*, the *Tulsa Tribune*, the Will Rogers High School Board of Education and Dr. R. W. Knight, principal, and Mr. LeRoy Inbody, assistant superintendent of business service of the Tulsa schools, and to all other agencies and individuals which have made contributions in the entertainment of this convention.

Rev. Herbert Richards, Dallas, Texas.	100.00
Rev. N. D. Wiggs, Jr., Bridgeton, N. C.	100.00
Rev. M. L. Sutton, Ft. Worth, Texas.	100.00
Rev. Carl Vallance, Huntington, W. Va.	100.00
Rev. E. D. Hellard, Houston, Texas	100.00
Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Norfolk, Va.	100.00
Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Glennville, Ga.	100.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.	100.00
Mr. I. L. Stanley, Knoxville, Tenn.	50.00
Mr. D. J. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala.	50.00
Rev. Raymond Riggs, Nashville, Tenn.	50.00
Mr. Ernest Ownby, Saltito, Miss.	50.00
Rev. Kermit Esther, Memphis, Tenn.	50.00
Rev. Kenneth Shutes, Blakely, Ga.	50.00
Rev. Ralph Staten, Belmont, N. C.	50.00
Mr. B. Houston, Damascus, Ga.	50.00
Rev. John Floyd, Marion, N. C.	50.00
Rev. T. B. Lee, Columbia, Tenn.	50.00
Rev. Charles Craddock, Dothan, Ala.	50.00
Mr. Roy Staires, Tulsa, Okla.	50.00
Rev. N. D. Wiggs, Jr., Bridgeton, N. C.	50.00
Rev. Homer Parker, Little Rock, Ark.	50.00
Mr. Lowell Bates, Norman, Okla.	50.00
Mrs. Louise Hicks, Panama City, Fla.	50.00
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Mr. Delbert Priest, Richmond Calif.	50.00
Rev. William J. Mishler, Nashville, Tenn.	50.00
Rev. Luther Sanders, Cordova, Ala.	50.00
Mr. Louis Maxwell, Tulsa, Okla.	50.00
Rev. Henry VanKluyve, Nashville, Tenn. ...	50.00
Macedonia church, Colquitt, Ga.	50.00
Mr. W. L. Evans, Springfield, Mo.	50.00
Rev. Paul Woolsey, Loudon, Tenn.	25.00

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MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS

The bell had just rung for breakfast. The youngsters at youth camp seemed to be hungry for when the bell sounded they came running from all directions.

They were of all ages, sizes, and descriptions. Some had personalities that charmed and blessed; others were rebellious.

We had toast, jelly, hot or cold cereal, coffee and milk on the menu. As the children filed past the serving table their reactions were varied. "Oh boy! Hot oatmeal and buttered toast!" some exclaimed. Others said with a frown, "I don't like anything you have." But I noticed that those who were really hungry took a helping of everything.

Do I need to make the application? God has provided an abundant menu. He has given us Sunday schools, leagues, auxiliaries, and prayer meetings. Many members file by the programs of the church, look, and refuse all He offers. They are not really hungry for spiritual things.

But do you know what happened to the children who didn't like what was offered for breakfast? That's right! They were hungry by ten o'clock and whining for an in-between-snack.

Surely *this* application is clear. Maybe you know some who complain they "just never could sit through two services", or they are "just too tired to go to prayer meeting", or they "just never could get interested in league." These are the ones who later whine and complain about the coldness of the Sunday service, about the scarcity of real workers in the church, about Free Will Baptists not doing much anymore. Know what's the matter? They can't stand a solid diet. They want something sensational—an "in-between-snack".

I learned a long time ago that when I was really hungry most any kind of food tasted good. I fear what many churchgoers want is for God to submit a special menu to them so they may decide which item they want, if any. People who are sincerely trying to serve God will find their place in the regular, established avenues of service. They have no desire to follow after fanaticism and heresy.

But what about the fact that *all* the youngsters came running at the sound of the bell? Oh, you have seen those who quickly rally to the cause, but when the time comes to get the job done their enthusiasm wilts like jello in the sun. They want to shout on Sunday, but don't like to sweat on Monday.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

ROGER REEDS, *News Editor*

Home Mission Board Opens Two New Fields

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—With the official appointment of two new teams and the opening of home mission fields in Mexico and Oregon-Washington, the national Home Mission Board is venturing into territory heretofore unclaimed by Free Will Baptists.

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons, Pear-sall, Texas, opened up two missions on August 1, across the border from Larado, Texas. Mr. Timmons has had 12 years experience in Mexican work. Miss Bessie Yeley, who had to retire from foreign service because of health, will join them about the middle of September.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Postlewaite, McAles-ter, Okla., will go to Oregon-Washington about September 1 and begin work in the two-state area from Milton, Oregon. This will bring the total number of home mis-sion teams to four.

District League Rally Scheduled in Texas

VERNON, Texas — The Northwestern Brazos district league rally will meet here August 27. Rev. James Henley, Sayre, Okla., will speak at the morning service. First church in Amarillo won both the attendance and program banners at the last rally, which was held at the Kermit church. Eight churches were represented.

Georgia Church Marks Fourth Anniversary

ALBANY, Ga.—The first evangelist and pastor will be the speakers for the fourth anniversary service at the First church here September 4. Rev. Adam Scott, Durham, N. C., who was the first pastor, will speak at the morning service. Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn., who conducted the revival from which the church was or-ganized in 1951, will speak at the evening service.

The church will have all-day services and the pastor, Rev. H. L. Knighton, ex-tends an invitation for visitors to come.

California District Gets "Youth for Christ"

BELL GARDENS, Calif. — Four churches in the West Coast association have organized a "Youth for Christ" group which meets once a month at the Free Will Baptist church here. General director of the organization is Rev. Easterwood, Hunt-ington Park.

Florence Church Has Revival, VBS

FLORENCE, S. C.—Thirty-two decisions for Christ were recorded during a recent revival and vacation Bible school held at the First church. Average attendance at the Bible school was more than 150. Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, Nashville, was evange-list and Jet Turner acted as youth pastor during the meeting. Rev. W. A. Hales is pastor.

Arizona Church Reports Growth

TUCSON, Ariz.—Started a year-and-a-half ago with seven members, the Free Will Baptist church here has now grown to a membership of 33 with a regular Sun-day school attendance of fifty. The con-gregation has also acquired a church build-ing for services, a member writes. Rev. W. A. Finney is pastor.

Arkansas District Has League Rally

ROGERS, Ark.—The league rally of Old Mt. Zion association was held here June 26. John Archer, president, conducted the activities of the lay. Programs were pre-sented by Phillips Chapel, Huntsville, Oak Grove, and the host church. The next meeting, and all subsequent ones, will be held at Pilgrim's Rest church.

New Work Started in California Town

VENTURA, Calif.—Rev. Lloyd Reddick, former pastor at Taft, Calif., has begun conducting regular services here with the goal of organizing a Free Will Baptist church. The services are held every Sun-day in the Girl Scout building, 1271 Santa Cara street.

Kirby Accepts Oklahoma Church

WELEETKA, Okla.—Rev. Fred Kirby, former pastor at Mountain Grove, Mo., has accepted a call to the church here. He succeeds Rev. Ernest Harrison who assumed a pastorate at Drumright, Okla. Mr. Harrison had been with the church here six years.

Tennessee Orphanage Gets New Superintendent

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Medsker assumed their new duties as

superintendent and matron of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children here on July 1. They succeeded Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley who resigned after being at the home for fifteen years. Mr. Medsker is formerly from Illinois but his wife is a native of East Tennessee. They have one child, Kenneth, who is two.

Cramerton Church Holds Bible School

CRAMERTON, N. C.—The vacation Bible school conducted at the Free Will Baptist church here during June, was re-ported to be the best school ever held by the church. Average attendance was 180. Mrs. Roy Rikard was superintendent, assisted by Horace Shoemaker.

Attendance Is 135 At District Camp

BIXBY, Okla.—The annual camp of Grand River association was held June 12-17 with 135 enrolled. Forty accepted Christ during the session. The district league convention met during the camp and elected Rev. Adrian Condit, Locust Grove, as president. Other officers are Rev. Danny Farmer, vice-president; Mrs. Bill Ketchum, clerk; Mrs. Walter Dobbs, treasurer, and Rev. Bill Ketchum, general sponsor.

Georgia Schedules Extension School

COLQUITT, Ga.—An extension school of the Free Will Baptist Bible College will be held at the Oak Grove church, August 29-September 9. Rev. Leroy Forlines, in-structor at the college, will conduct the school. The school is being sponsored by the Midway association and there will be no enrollment charges for those attending. Classes will be held at 8 p.m. and during the day, if the demand is great enough. Classes are open to any who want to attend.

Oklahoma Church Starts Building Fund

ARDMORE, Okla.—The congregation at the First church here has recently started a building fund for a new church. Rev. Russell Allen is pastor.

Michigan Church Launches TV Program

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich.—The first in a series of quarterly television programs sponsored by the Highland Park church was aired Saturday, July 30. The church will produce the thirty-minute program

three more times during the next year. If the response is great enough they will consider increasing the frequency of the telecast. Rev. Charles A. Thigpen is pastor.

Texas Youth Rally Elects New Officers

BRYAN, Texas—George Hamilton, Bryan, was elected president of the Central Texas district youth rally meeting at the Fellowship church here July 9. Other officers are Alvin Fulton, Huntsville, vice-president; Dale Jones, Bryan, secretary-treasurer; Tony Withers, Bryan, reporter, and E. M. Lewis, Bryan, advisor. Six churches were represented at the rally to hear John Mochlman, college student, bring the message.

Minister Preaches His First Sermon

FLAT RIVER, Mo.—A young minister of the First church here, Albert Lee McFarland, preached his first sermon July 10.

Dedication Held for New Tennessee Church

CARLISLE, Tenn.—Dedication services for the new Free Will Baptist church here were held July 31. The church was organized in November, 1953. The congregation has constructed a 40' by 60' building which is entirely free of debt, according to

Rev. H. W. Davis, who led in the organization and preached the dedicatory sermon. Property for the new building was given by a Methodist layman and fronts on highway 49. Rev. J. L. Welch, Nashville, also preached at the dedicatory services.

Missouri Editor Accepts Pastorate

GREENFIELD, Mo.—Rev. Lloyd Jeffries, editor of the *Free Will Baptist Gem* for six years, has accepted a call to a newly organized church here. He assumed the pastorate in June.

Three Florida Churches Combine in Bible School

PENSACOLA, Fla.—An average attendance of 79 was reported for a vacation Bible school sponsored jointly by three churches in the Pensacola. They were First church, Grace church, and Eastside church.

Tennessee Camp Has 30 Decisions

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—An enrollment of 98 with thirty conversions were reported during the Cumberland association youth camp held July 5-9. Sessions were held at Bethany Hills camp grounds twenty miles west of Nashville. Rev. Robert King was camp director.

The General Board makes the following recommendations:

1. That Articles IV and V of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV

Representation—"Representation in the National Association is to be by local churches. Each church shall be entitled to one delegate to be elected from the laity, regardless of the membership strength of the church. The church shall send its delegate directly to the National Association. In no case, however, will the National Association seat the delegate of a church which is not a member of its state association, or, if there is no state association, of the next highest organization in the state. Before a delegate's credentials may be ratified they must bear the signature of either the pastor or the church clerk." (*The association voted to table indefinitely this recommendation.*)

ARTICLE V

Section 1—Finance—"Each local church representing in this body shall send the sum of \$5.00 with the delegate's credentials. Ordained ministers shall register with the sum of \$1.00." (*This recommendation was declared out of order by the moderator in view of action taken on Article IV.*)

2. That Article VII, Section 5, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII

Section 5—"The General Board shall organize at its own discretion for the promotion of the work set forth in section three and four of this article. An Executive Committee consisting of the moderator, clerk, and the chairmen of all standing boards shall be designated from the General Board, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the board when the General Board is not in session." (*This recommendation was tabled.*)

3. That all boards and departments have made an audit of their annual financial status and same made available to the General Board at its annual meeting in July each year.
4. That the Cooperative Plan of Support adopted last year be modified as follows:

Part 1—That the denominational budget adopted at this session be raised cooperatively inasmuch as possible with all boards and departments of the National Association participating in raising the Cooperative budget, and that out of said amount the budget of the Executive Department would be met.

Part 2—That as a supplement to the Cooperative budget each respective department be encouraged to promote its particular phase of the work, and to receive designated funds as individuals, groups, or churches may feel so disposed to give.

Part 3—That the Budget Committee apportion to the various departments on a percentage basis all money that comes into the Cooperative fund and that it be allocated monthly.

Part 4—(Did not pass.)

Part 5—That all churches be encouraged to give ten per cent (the tithe) of their general offerings to the Cooperative fund as a minimum of their denominational giving.

Part 6—That the Executive Department receive no additional Cooperative funds when its budget has been met.

Part 7—That all ear-marked money be sent to the department as designated by the donor.

Revival Campaigns

Church	Evangelist	Pastor	Dates	Dec.	Add.
Howard's Grove church, Dothan, Ala.	T. O. Terry		7/23-31		
Odessa, Texas	E. J. Wilson	E. J. Wilson	6/19-26		2
Red Bay, Ala.	Dale Burden	Ira C. Gow	6/19-28	16	7
Brightlight church, Bryan, Texas	W. S. Mooneyham	A. F. Halbrook	8/ 8-14		
Good Hope church, Henderson, Texas	W. S. Mooneyham	Gaston Clary	8/21-28		
Pearce Chapel church, Miss.	Bobby Jackson	M. L. Hollis	7/17-22		
Fawn Grove church, Miss.	Bobby Jackson	M. L. Hollis	7/24-29		
McGregor Chapel church, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	G. C. Lee	8/ 4-12		
Martin Hill church, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	Rev. Mayo	8/14-20		
Little Brown church, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	J. S. Whitehead	8/21-26		
Lee's Chapel church, Laurel, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	Truman Freeman	8/28-9/2		
Lovewell church, Richton, Miss.	M. L. Hollis		9/ 5-15		
Davis Shore church, Davis, N. C.	Roger Reeds		7/20-29		
Holmes church, Arifton, Ala.	Durward Long	Huey Long	7/ 3- 9		
Greenwood church, Camilla, Ga.	Durward Long	Paul Irvin	7/17-22		
Friendship church, Eufaula, Ala.	Durward Long	Roy O'Donnell	7/24-29		
First church, Jacksonville, Fla.	Durward Long	Charles Brown	6/13-20	3	
Auburndale, Fla.	Durward Long	Elvie Johnston	6/21-7/2		
Harmony church, Lake Butler, Fla.	Louis H. Moulton	Durward Long	8/ 8-14		
Satilla, Ga.	Durward Long	Ralph Lightsey	8/15-22		
New Prospect church, Edwin, Ala.	Durward Long	Huey Long	8/22-		
Bixby, Okla.	Youth Revival	Bill Ketchum	6/19-26	10	
Kermit, Texas	Odis Robinson	Nolen Robinson	6/22-30	6	
First church, Albany, Ga.	Raymond Riggs	H. L. Knighton	8/22-26		

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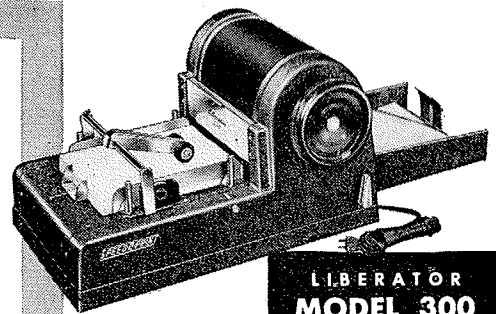
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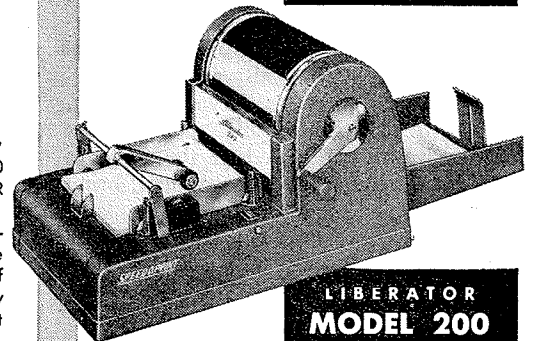
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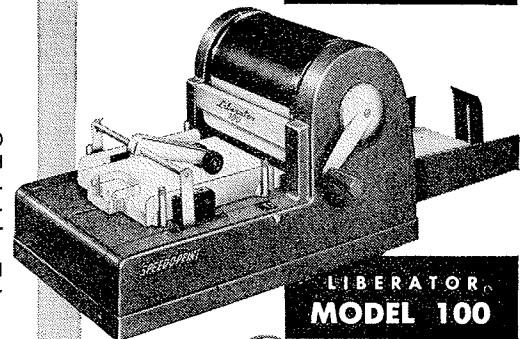
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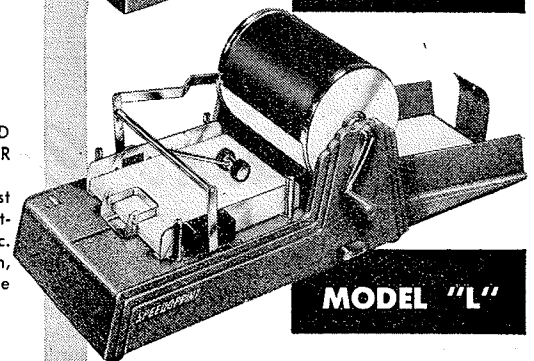
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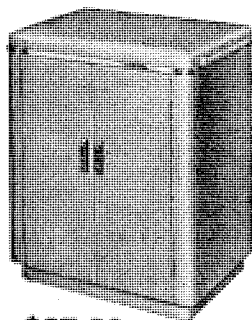
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