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Enlist Your Members for Practical Work

to fellowship, Christians entering full-time service, as well as many first-time decisions for salvation. During the nine-month period, 46,187 tracts were distributed in connection with this gospel witness.

The results are wonderful and we praise the Lord for them, but why can not this be duplicated on a similar basis throughout our denomination?

By now you must be thinking that your church does not have Bible College students to do the witnessing, therefore you could not do anything like this. But these students who have been doing this personal soul-winning here in Nashville came from your local church just a few months ago, or from a church just like yours. And I am sure there are still others there in your church who would want to do this work in the Lord if someone else would help and join in the battle against satan for lost souls. Will you, brother pastor or lay-leader, take the initiative?

Where to Begin?

The challenge has been laid before you. Those who have given their lives to Christ to live for Him have yet to obey His command to "Go . . . into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Therefore let us go forth into battle. The first question is "Where to begin?" If you are the pastor, you can begin by making an announcement about the new project and call for all interested people to join you in an organizational meeting. If you are an interested layman, talk it over with your pastor, and if he hasn't read this article, show it to him. In either case the same plan should be followed from here on.

First, determine if those who are interested in going out on a practical work

group are properly instructed in the right Scriptures to use and how to deal with various types of people about their soul's salvation. A convenient mimeographed set of notes can be obtained for a few cents from the Bible College.

Secondly, if it is necessary the pastor or some other qualified man should teach a few classes at the church in personal soul-winning. This will prepare the group members to be more effective in their witness. I think that is one thing that makes the student here at the Bible College a soul-winner. He is properly trained to use his talent to witness for Christ.

What Next?

Now that we have our group organized and trained, what next? Of course there must be some place to go to witness. This could be arranged for while classes on personal soul-winning are being taught. This will be somewhat determined by the locality of your church. The churches in the urban areas are almost unlimited in the places where they may conduct services and witness.

Here in Nashville there are more places to go than there is time or personnel to fill. These opportunities include such places as the state vocational training school for boys, Tennessee Preparatory School, juvenile home, Nashville Rescue Mission, child evangelism classes, Veterans' Hospital, state vocational training school for colored girls, and tract distribution groups on the street downtown, in the bus stations, and in door-to-door evangelization. These are mentioned to give you an idea of where you may be able to find a place to conduct services.

Bible College groups have been going into some of these institutions more than seven years and are welcomed each year when school opens again. The message of Jesus Christ changes lives for the better and these people we serve know that, and invite us

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The great work of the Christian church is to include every member of the local church. This can be done by establishing a practical work department in the local church. By doing so, each member is given an opportunity to work for the Lord under the guidance and leadership of the pastor, and the other members of the group give courage and confidence to those who may be timid or inexperienced.

There are many Christians in our local churches who would really like to serve the Lord in some way. This has become evident to me by the number of requests for gospel tracts that I have received in the past four months. The forming of such a group as this would give them this privilege and at the same time be obeying the Christ who saved them.

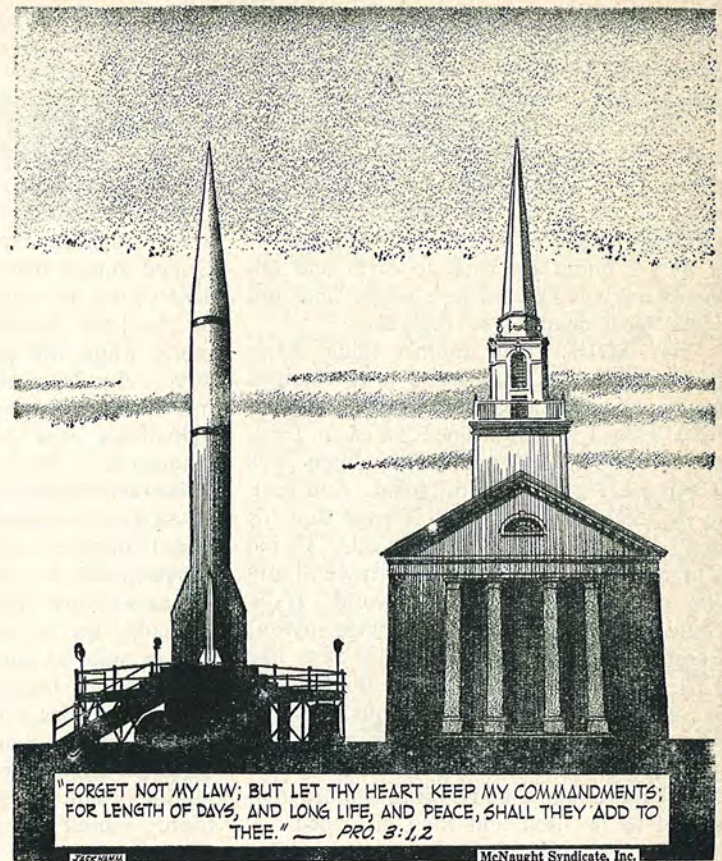
After having served as director of the Practical Work Department at Free Will Baptist Bible College this past year, I feel that this same practical plan of personal evangelism can be put into effect in most, if not all, our churches. I would like to cite just a few figures to show the outreach of a relatively small group of people who put Christ first in their lives.

Here at the Bible College the past school year the students witnessed to 6998 people about Christ. There were 2114 decisions. This number includes backsliders restored

Five Minutes on a Satellite

Dr. Edward D. Simpson

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Are you one of those individuals who likes to try everything new? If so, then you will enjoy the next twenty minutes because we are going to take an imaginary trip out into space. Just suppose the following is a tape recorded narrative of the journey.

Recently I "sat" in the cramped nose of the giant seventy-two foot rocket designed to fling earth's first man-made satellite out into space. In seconds we were a mere pin-point of light disappearing in the sky, and within half an hour we were "in orbit", gliding almost effortlessly three to eight hundred miles out from earth at around eighteen thousand miles per hour. But since earth's surface was curving away from us at the same speed, we were constantly at about the same distance from our home planet.

Will you join me!

Out here a day is slightly over one earth-hour, and it takes only ten minutes to cross the North American continent. Midway, we can see from Hudson Bay to Panama, and the whitecaps of the Atlantic and Pacific at one time. We can chart the course of storms like we used to watch a football pass arch into the hands of a racing receiver. Out here, earth's bulge at the equator is as noticeable as pop's middle-age spread. In

This is the presidential address given at the National Sunday School Convention in Los Angeles last month.

brief, out here we get a perspective of life never before visualized. Time and space take on weird changes, and a strange and awesome awareness creeps on us like that which must have captivated the poet who wrote:

"When I soar to worlds unknown,

See Thee on Thy judgment throne . . ."

We have come one step closer to seeing human life "with eternity's values in view."

Also, I notice that from this perspective, the size and significance of things has changed. Towering mountains have become mere wrinkles on earth's face; those huge canyons, once so terrifying, have become faint lines; and tumultuous seas are now a blue velvet carpet.

But perhaps most unusual of all is the change in my sense of values. The works of men are almost negligible. In this new world where dimensions have diminished, if not vanished, my own life is weighed in a new balance, where pounds and feet, dollars and cents, up and down are meaningless. Out here, life itself takes on a new perspective: certain things stand out in bold relief that I had hardly noticed before, and other things that I had considered top eschelon back there, I see now have little significance actually.

In fact, I feel as if my entire life is unfolding before me, measured by the curious meter of infinity and eternity, and I am found dreadfully wanting! Somehow, I

wish I had done it differently, so that I could live it over again, because after only five minutes in eternity, I see so many things in a new light.

ONE HOUR Take, for example, the value of one hour. I can remember the time I estimated one hour to be worth one dollar and sixty-five cents in wages; or the time it took to get from my breakfast table to the office on the seven-eighteen commuters' special; or the equivalent of my two favorite television shows; or the time I allotted my children for a romp before they were put to bed. There was a time when I considered one hour to mean effective calls on three live prospects in my business; 124 spindles that the best of my machinists could produce; or \$4.82 in net profits on my annual report to the board of directors.

But out here, they speak a different language. One does not hear such terms as profit and loss, debit and credit, retirement benefit, vacation, hospitalization, and the like. And I am beginning to see why. Actually a man is in no position to compute the value of one hour until he has seen it from the angle of eternity. Only from this perspective can you see that one hour is a precious gift of God, loaded with the possibilities of His infinite power! Why, God alone can estimate what can be accomplished in one hour of time, when invested in an effort to reach lost souls for

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Jesus Christ. When you come to think of it, sixty minutes to every hour is all Billy Graham had; that is all Dwight L. Moody or Hudson Taylor ever had; that is all the apostle Paul or the prophet Isaiah ever had—and yet they shook continents and civilizations for God! No wonder Dr. Will Houghton wrote, "Teach me to know the value of one hour". No wonder the apostle exhorted, "Redeem the time". I would too—if only I could get back to earth and tell men what it is like out here where time and space have changed so radically.

ONE SOUL And another thing. After just five minutes out here, I have changed my mind about the value of one human soul. Back when I was in business on earth, I can remember figuring out that a man was worth \$1.47 an hour in my plant. And back in my college days, I had learned that his body was worth \$2.97 in chemicals. To me a man was a means to an end—my end, my end of getting ahead in the world. If he could be of help to me in advancing myself, I used him. If not, he was brushed aside like a fly. But I've been doing some thinking—a lot of thinking, in just five minutes. Funny how you can get so much done in just five minutes out here. I have been thinking that man is more than a body. Man is more than a tool to be used and then discarded. A man, or woman, or even a boy or girl for that matter, is worth more than my entire business was worth.

I would even go so far as to say that a man is worth more than the total value of the combined business enterprises of our vast economic empire. Why, out here it makes little difference that I was president of a great industry. What really counts out here is something inside—what my Sunday school teacher used to call our souls. Back there I was important, I was respected, I was sought after—because I was wealthy. But out here, that little old man I had sweeping up after hours in my plant is way up there in the front of the line.

Now, don't misunderstand me. I knew there was a hereafter to prepare for, and I did what I could to pass the word along. But if I could do it over, I think I would spend a lot more time with that little old man, and with his boy. I used to attend the big evangelistic tent meetings, and give to the big mass movements, and I still think they have a place. But as for me, I know I lost sight of the value of just one human soul—like that boy that used to whisper all the time I tried to teach my Sunday school lesson. I think I am beginning to see what Jesus meant when he said, "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." And I think I would spend more time seeking out sinners, one by one, if I could do it over again.

I think I would refuse to teach a Sunday school class if I could get back to earth again. Yes, sir, you heard just what I said—

I would refuse to teach a Sunday school class! But I would fight for the chance of teaching a boy or a girl how to find Christ as Saviour and grow in grace and spiritual knowledge. I'd forget about the class and teach the pupil! After all, the class is just a group of individuals, and I'd do all I could to treat each one as an individual person.

I can remember back in 1956 we reached a new high in church membership in the United States: over 103 million, which was 62% of our population. We patted ourselves on the back because we had doubled our ranks while the population was up only 40%. But from this vantage point, I am more concerned about the three million individuals that made up that gain in membership. They were men, women, boys, girls—individuals. And each one of them was a soul for whom Christ died. Oh, I only wish I could return for just five minutes, and tell people what I know now about heaven's estimate of just one human soul. I am sure I would not be so concerned about the masses and the millions, and become more interested in Joe and Bill and Mary and Ruth. I wonder if the Lord can forgive me for thinking my Sunday school class was too small for Him to be concerned about, and not important enough to be worth more than twenty minutes of my time each week?

ONE TALENT And that leads me to another re-evaluation I have made out here. Time was when I thought that just because I could not do the big jobs for the Lord and be in the lime-light, my little contribution was not worth much. I recall thinking one Sunday morning when it was cold and wet outside that I would just stay home from Sunday school and church, and no one would ever miss me. There were always people around who could substitute for me. In fact, they might not even notice that I had not appeared, especially if the kids in my class stayed home too. Of course, I expected the preacher to be there, but then that was because he was the leader. He was the king-pin around our church, and I often thought that if he pulled out the whole thing would collapse. But I was just a teacher in a department where there were three other teachers, and ours was just one of several departments, so I was quite convinced that I was expendable.

But you know, the way it looks from out here, I think I was wrong. I was actually working for the wrong boss. All I considered was the pastor, or the superintendent, or now and then my kids. But when you get far enough away from the scene of operations, and see it from the angle from which the Lord must see it, it looks different. I should have considered my teaching position as an opportunity to serve the Lord. I never felt called into full-time Christian work. I could never stand up in front of people and talk much. I never was much of a speaker, or singer, or artist, or musician. I always felt serving the Lord

was for those who had a college education, who could play the piano, who could make people laugh or cry just by telling a story. And I never was much good at memorizing! When the pastor would call for favorite verses, about all I could remember was John 3:16 or Romans 8:28.

But since I have become a veteran of the space-ways I have come to see that it was not how much talent I had, but how much of me the Lord had! Do you know what I would like to do? I would like to get off this drifting bubble just long enough to visit old Mrs. Josephson. She was certainly one of the most ordinary people I ever met. If anyone could claim justly that she had no talents at all, she was that person. When she would try to sing—I just had to stop, it got me so mixed up. And, poor soul, we used to make all kinds of jokes about her. I hope she never heard us.

But do you know what? I am sure she does not know this, but it is because of her teaching in Sunday school, that I came to know Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Now, when you talk about talents, you do not even mention Mrs. Josephson in the same breath. But I can tell you one talent she had: she loved kids and she loved the Saviour. And we knew it. I suppose she tried to use visual aids and tell stories, and lead discussions, and all of that.

But as I remember her, the one thing I remember was her deep desire that I get to know the Lord Jesus as she knew Him. Now you can understand why I would like to go visit her . . . just to let her know how much I appreciate the fact that even though she did not have many talents, what there was of her belonged to her wonderful Lord! He used her to reach a lot of us and train us for Christian service.

ONE PURPOSE Say! I am beginning to come to a new conclusion about my philosophy of life. There was a time when I thought the apostle Paul was a back number for saying, "This ONE thing I do." But the more I think about it, from what I know now, the more I think I agree with him.

I used to tell myself that the only way to get ahead in the business world was to get into everything. And I practiced what I was preaching. I became a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a service club, led several drives for community funds, sponsored a boy's club, joined a lodge, and took a leading part in the parent-teachers association in my kids' school. But I see now that it was only for selfish reasons that I joined most of these things and that I was spreading myself too thin to be of real value to any of them. What I should have done was to put my life where it would count for time AND eternity—by investing it in the souls of men and women and boys and girls. Why, if I had spent the time and energy in Sunday school that I put into

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SERMON FROM SAN QUENTIN

by Jack Usher

EDITOR, *San Quentin News*

Come on over kids! There's always room for one more.

First of all, we apologize for this violation of our policy. Heretofore, we have assiduously avoided preaching of any kind, we have embarked on no crusades, and we have never, never advised another man how he should do his time. Now an exception has reared its head and we are bending one of the rules of policy.

During the past few weeks the newspapers in this area have given some bad publicity to the teen-age people of Marin County. Ordinarily, we can take this sort of news or leave it. In this case, however, we took serious note of it. Perhaps because it is pretty close to home—or maybe we're just tired of seeing real young people in trouble and in here.

Our concern in the right and wrong of the incidents publicized is negligible. We would feel a little foolish sitting behind these walls and weighing the rights and wrongs of social behavior. Nevertheless, we are in an excellent position to see the results of this kind of behavior, and about those results we feel qualified to speak.

What happens to these young people who habitually violate the social norm? Not what happens to them the first time—nor what happens to them for indulging in childishness. Like rat-pack treatment for a serviceman, or anonymous threats to adults over the telephone, or hanging a cloth dummy. But what happens to them when these violations become easy and become felonies? What then? Right! They come here!

And it happens every single day. Week-days, Saturdays and Sundays.

"Being convicted of the first felony marks a line of embarkation. Almost a point of no return—whether you like it or not. It seems a far cry from the mob treatment, the telephone calls, or hanging of effigies. Never let anyone tell you the two are not connected. Connected they are, and when they meet, you are in trouble. You're on your way.

The rest of it works out like a tired soap opera or bad movie. It goes on and on and on. And you never win once—all you can do is lose. Family, friends, and finally,

future. It's dreary, unexciting, uninteresting and sordid. A real drag. All this from a small, stupid beginning — rushing to a smaller, more ridiculous end. No glamour and less fun.

So go right ahead, kids. Indulge yourselves and have a ball. Tell yourselves what you're doing isn't very serious, and anyway, you're under age. Make sure that no one thinks you're a lame or a square or corny, and above all, never let the gang suspect

that you think at all.

Don't be the one to call a halt, or refuse a dare, or decide things have gone far enough. That might indicate that you don't belong! And you must belong to a gang, or bunch, or society or something. Sure you do! It's a wonderful thing to be a part of a group of your contemporaries. To have an identity. It's a normal thing, and to be desired—unless this wish to belong becomes more important to you than your knowledge of what is right and what isn't right. Should this happen, there is a possibility that you may be joining another group. This one is anxious that you realize that you are a member. In fact, they give you a nice, new number to keep you reminded.

Maybe some of you will read this. If you do, and are goofing around by yourself at the time, think it over. We haven't tried to be funny. We mean every word of what we've said. However, if you reject it, don't worry. You'll never be without a roof over your head, or a place to sleep, and three meals a day. There's always an opening available at Point San Quentin. There's a similar establishment in the Southern part of the state, for ladies.

We'll be waiting for you. Have a ball!

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Board Starts Publishing Program

A new series of Sunday school lessons for Free Will Baptist churches—the Bible-Centered Series—will be ready in December for shipment from the national Sunday School Department, according to Rev. John H. West, chairman of the Sunday School Board.

The new series and new program is the result of a meeting of the national Sunday School Board held October 16 in Nashville when, after prayerful consideration, the members voted unanimously to assume the full responsibility for formulating and promoting the Sunday school program of the denomination.

In this program was included the publication and distribution of Sunday school and Vacation Bible school literature and supplies direct from its department in Nashville. In taking the action, the board referred to the action of the National Association in session at Mt. Vernon, Ill., in 1953 which said, "This Board (*Sunday School*) shall regulate and control all literature pertaining to the Sunday school program of the denomination. Also, it shall regulate and control the daily vacation Bible school literature . . . This Board shall employ such persons as it deems necessary to function properly in the capacity for which it was formed; such as a promotional secretary, writers for Sunday school literature, and writers for daily vacation Bible school literature . . . This Board shall receive its income from the sale of its literature (Sunday school and daily vacation Bible school literature, books, leaflets, pamphlets, etc.) printed or otherwise by the press of its choice."

It was the unanimous decision of the board at this meeting to announce to the churches that beginning with the first quarter of 1958 all Sunday school literature for the Beginner department through the Adult department will be available from the Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee. These lessons will follow the International Lesson Series outlines.

Due to the lack of time, finance, and personnel to prepare the first quarter's materials, literature for the Nursery through Primary departments will be supplied by the board from the Higley Press, an evan-

gelical independent publisher. Other quarterlies—Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Adult—will be written by Free Will Baptist writers and edited by the editorial staff of the Sunday School Department.

The Young People's quarterly will be added either the second or third quarter. The board will supply graded materials for all departments from Scripture Press, another independent evangelical publisher.

The board has acquired the services of the Rev. L. Donald Hill who will serve as one of the editors and assist in the preparation of material. Mr. Hill is a former student of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and received his B.A. degree from Trevecca College in Nashville. He will receive his Master's Degree in June of this year from Peabody College with a major in education. Other writers and editors will be announced as the literature program progresses.

Order blanks will be sent to pastors and local church leaders by November 20 for both the "Bible-Centered Series" (International Uniform Outlines) and graded literature and supplies. The order blanks will

also list all supplies for the six-point record system, a record system for Sunday schools not using the six-point system, teacher's helps, commentaries, visual aids, and Sunday school song books.

Additional materials which may be ordered from the department include teacher training books, books for the Sunday school library, attendance cards, promotion certificates, promotion and rally day books, holiday program books, attendance pins, cradle roll charts, attendance charts, children's story books, flannel-graph materials, and Sunday school register boards.

Rev. William Mishler, promotional secretary for the board and director of the new program, said, "The Sunday School Board is conscious of the enormity of this task and sincerely asks for the prayers and cooperation of our many pastors and church leaders. We believe this move will ultimately enable us to render more and better service to the growing Sunday schools of our denomination, which in turn will result in fostering one of the greatest missionary enterprises our denomination has ever known."



WILLIAM MISHLER
Promotional Secretary



DONALD HILL
Editor and Writer

Free Will Baptist Work in Mexico

H. E. WILLIS

Home Missions Secretary

Mexico is our nearest neighbor to the south. Its area is 760,383 square miles and the 1954 estimate showed a population of 28,849,000, and 30% Indian, 20% of European extraction and 50% mixed. Some 2,000,000 of the Indians speak their own Indian language. Mexico has rich and varied agricultural, mineral and timber resources. It has large and important industries, such as steel mills and petroleum refineries. The government is encouraging developing of small and large industries.

Mexico proclaimed its independence from Spain on Sept. 15, 1819 and won that independence in 1821. The constitution dates from 1857 and the famous Reform Laws, from 1859. In 1910, when the dictator Porfirio Diaz was overthrown, there began what is known as the Revolution, an on-going movement which still inspires Mexican national life. Mexico is a federation of 28 states. The present president is Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, elected in 1952.

Mexico is the first Latin American country to be entered by the National Home Mission Board. The first missionary was appointed in 1954 to work in Monterrey, and the mission was soon extended. The last report shows three churches with 69 members and many baptisms. In Sunday Schools there was an average attendance of 41. The Mexican churches raise very little money for their support. We now have five mis-

sionaries to the Mexican people.

A recent promising development is the Mexican school located in Nogales. Established this year, it is already a blessing. It has served as a rallying place for the work on the Mexico-Arizona border.

Southern Baptists also work in Mexico and all churches related to the Southern Convention and the American are united in one Mexican National Convention. It was

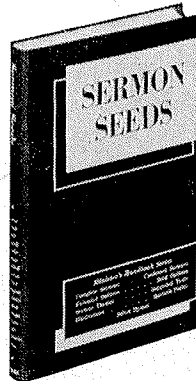
founded in 1903 and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1953. Our work is not a part of this union.

The general missionary in Mexico is Rev. James E. Timmons, an American by birth, brought up and educated in the United States. He lives with his wife and three children in Laredo. Rev. and Mrs. Juan Lopez are in Monterrey and Miss Bessie Yeley is in Nogales.

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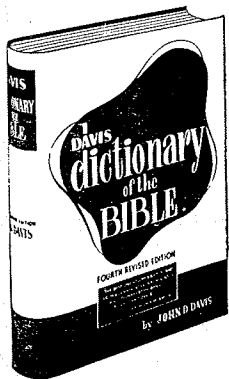
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Teach How to North Carolina

"Little things mean a lot."

The title of a hit song a few months ago, these words combined with a faith in God frame the philosophy which is the basis of the entire program at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, N. C.

"The little things which seem completely foolish to me are of major importance to the children," says the Rev. Stephen A. Smith, superintendent of the home.

It is this understanding and personal devotion that the superintendent and his wife have for the children and the children for Mr. and Mrs. Smith, that gives the children at the home "a feeling of security better than in many private homes," exclaims Dr. Josephine Newell, who for the past several years has been donating her medical services to the home.

Story and Pictures by

Jerry Ballard

"Not once have I had a child in my office who appeared to be afraid of life. They have a marvelous sense of self-respect and security that many of our American homes miss completely," the physician commented further.

There are currently 74 children in the home, which has a maximum capacity of 75. Thirty-five are girls, and 39 are boys. Under ordinary circumstances, children are accepted only in the three to twelve range. They are allowed to leave at the age of 18 unless they choose to remain and finish high school.

Recent years have seen the home in an expansion program. A firm in the area surveyed the campus a few months ago to make suggestions for further development. A laundry, new superintendent's home, administration building, and two additional cottages were placed on the agenda for the future.

The laundry, a modern structure of brick and concrete block with steel windows, has

CONTACT



Children playing is the symbol of any happy home. It is no different at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, N. C. The home, which is sponsored by Free Will Baptist churches in that state, now cares for 74 children and has a capacity of 75.



Dr. Josephine Newell reviews health reports with Superintendent Stephen A. Smith. Dr. Newell has contributed her medical services to the home for several years.

Live Is Aim of Children's Home

been completed and is now in use. The new superintendent's home is the latest project and was finished in the summer.

The expansion program, dependent upon gifts from friends and churches, will enlarge the capacity of the home to 100 children, Mr. Smith said. "I have over 20 applications of very needy children on file right now," he remarked. "It hurts not to have the facilities to bring them in and care for them as they need to be cared for."

Dr. Newell related that the health condition of the children is exceptionally good. "They have regular medical checkups, all immunization shots, chest x-rays, and dental checks. A complete medical record is kept for each child which aids us in keeping an almost-impossible close check on the individual child."

School age children attend the nearby Middlesex schools. Two from the home graduated last year. Upon graduation from high school, the children are encouraged to go to college. They are given a two-year scholarship if they maintain a "C" average in high school.

The 392-acre tract of land which is the home property is located only two miles north of Middlesex. Two hundred acres of the land has been cleared. There are eight buildings on the property, including the residence of the farm manager, Horace E. Mixon.

The home employs three men and seven women other than the administrative staff. Mrs. Mixon, wife of the farm manager, serves as the dietitian. The children do part of the work.

All beef, pork, and frying chickens are raised by the home along with at least half of the vegetables consumed. The institution sells around \$8,000 worth of livestock each year.

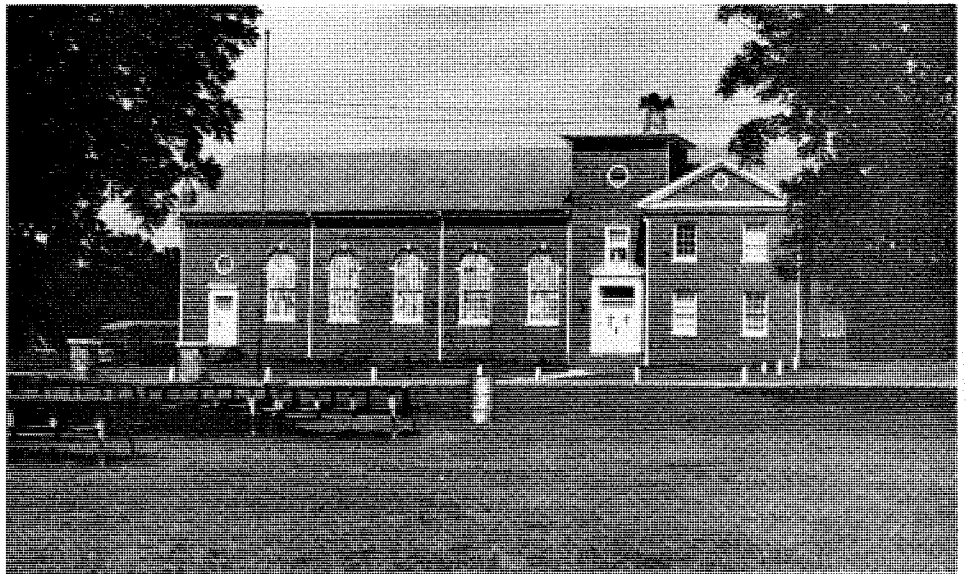
Members of the sponsoring denomination contribute fruit and canned goods to the home each year to cut food purchasing costs to a minimum. The denomination's Woman's Auxiliaries donate furnishings for the buildings and clothe the children.

Graduates from the home have moved on to pastoral, medical, educational, and similar positions in other fields. The president of one of eastern North Carolina's

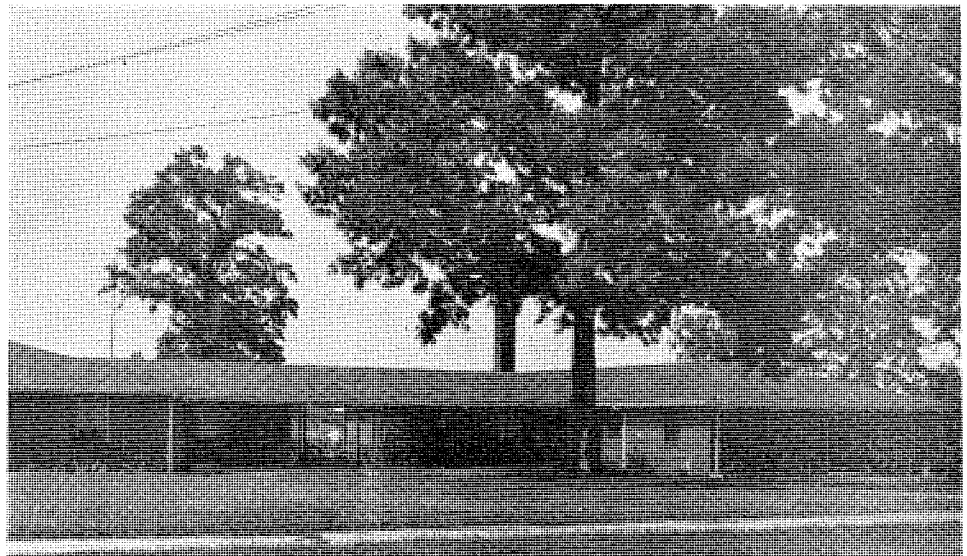
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Mrs. H. E. Mixon (left), dietitian, is assisted by the girls in food preparation.



This modern chapel is the orphanage church and provides a place of worship for the children.



All 35 girls live in this two-winged dormitory, commonly referred to as the "girls' cottage." A similar building is in the expansion plans.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

by ROBERT HILL

Arkansas Church Organizes Leagues

POCAHONTAS, Ark.—A new league, with approximately 40 members was organized recently at the Sutton church according to Rev. Grady Linebough, pastor of the local church. The installation of a gas heating system throughout the church was another project recently completed by the group. Attendance at the church has grown to an average of 60 to 70 at the regular morning services.

Phoenix Church Purchases Building Site

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The Camelback Free Will Baptist church, formerly Antioch Church, has purchased lots for a new building site, near Camelback Village subdivision. The new church will be erected at the intersection of 13th avenue and Camelback street.

Regular services are now being conducted at the Grandview school, 11th and Camelback, a short distance from the proposed church site.

Mount Olive College Announces Scholarships

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—Fourteen tuition scholarships worth \$250 each will be offered again next year by Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, to Free Will Baptist students of any state who graduate as valedictorians or salutatorians, President W. Burkette Raper announced this week.

Interested students who expect to graduate from high school in 1958 with either the first or second highest scholastic average in their class should write the College for application forms.

The purpose of these scholarships, Mr. Raper declared, is to encourage the best Free Will Baptist students in the nation to further their education in a college of our denomination. At the present, he added, we are losing too many of our most capable students.

Hilltop Church Builds At New Location

WEWOKA, Okla.—Construction of the new auditorium of Hilltop Free Will Baptist

Church is well underway, according to Pastor Sherman Webb. The new building, 32' x 50' is being constructed in a new community, located a mile west of Wewoka and two blocks north of U. S. Highway 270. Masonry block is being used for the superstructure of the new plant.

Virginia Pastor Resigns

RICHMOND, Va.—The Rev. Billy Melvin has announced his resignation as pastor of the First church, Richmond, Virginia, to become effective February 1, 1958. Future plans for the Rev. Melvin were not given.

Miley Elected Head Of New Organization

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Delegates to the first annual conference of Memphis Free Will Baptist Churches have elected the Rev. L. D. Miley moderator. About 75 representatives from the four congregations in this area held a two-day meeting at the First church in Frayser.

The Rev. Miley, associate pastor of the Southside church, will head the churches' first central organization, called the Bluff City Association of Free Will Baptists. Other officers elected were Rev. J. D. Jackson of Shelby church, assistant moderator, and Venoy Vaughan, layman at the Frayser church, clerk-treasurer.

The new association, formerly associated with Mississippi and Arkansas Free Will Baptists, was received into the Tennessee State Association, October 24.

Oklahoma State Convention Meets

TULSA, Okla.—The Lewis Avenue church was host to the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists, October 22nd to 25th. Delegates elected Rev. Harry Staires, moderator, Wade Jernigan, assistant moderator, and Weldon Wood, clerk.

Other action taken by the convention included the forming of a state-wide Master's Men organization, the endorsement of the new Sunday school literature to be published by the National Sunday School Board, the allocating of \$6095 to the State Home Missions Board, and a \$9000 reserve for a new school in Oklahoma. This represented the proceeds from the sale of the state children's home.

Texans Adopt \$7000 Budget

MIDLAND, Tex.—The Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting here with the Westside church, adopted a \$7000 state budget for the 1958 church year. This represents a \$2000 increase over the previous year's receipts. The major portion of the budget will be allocated to departments of the National Association.

Some 300 delegates, representing all of the district associations of the state, elected Rev. H. Z. Cox as moderator and Bailey Thompson as his assistant. The Rev. Everett Hellard was named as executive secretary. The 1958 session will be held in Bryan.

Cumberland MM Purchase Campsite

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Cumberland District Master's Men Convention purchased a 167-acre campsite located about 20 miles northwest of Nashville. Improvements on the property are scheduled to begin early in 1958. The \$4000 initial investment will serve the association as the youth camp and other associated meetings.

St. Louis Organizes League Convention

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Leaguers within the St. Louis Quarterly meeting, formerly associated with the Southeast Missouri yearly association, met Saturday night, November 2, to organize a league convention within their own district. Rev. Floyd Arnold was elected president of the group. Ray Turnage, secretary to the National League Board, assisted in the organization.

Teague Re-elected Tennessee Moderator

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. Horace Teague, Knoxville, was re-elected moderator of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists October 24 at the Sylvan Park church. Other officers were Robert Hill, Nashville, assistant moderator, and Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Ashland City, clerk. The association received a group of churches from the Memphis area, known as the Bluff City Association of Free Will Baptists, into their fellowship.

PASTORAL CHANGES . . . Gene McCully to New Macedonia church, Pottsville, Tenn.

Chester A. Huckaby to First church, Columbus, Ga., from Piney Grove church, Chipley, Fla.

Dean Dobbs to Winterville church, Winterville, N. C.

James Pelt to Glennville church, Ga., from Marianna, Fla.

Sammy Wilkenson to Spring Grove church, Ga., from Palmer Memorial church, Nashville, Tenn.

Kenneth Faison to Midway church, Moultrie, Ga.

Paul Inbody to Clarksville, Tenn., from Goodsprings church, Pleasant View, Tenn.

A. J. Lambert to Aliceville church, Ala., from Fayette church.

J. B. Ledlow to Fayette church, Ala.

A. F. Ferguson to Odessa, Texas, from Pleasant Mound church, Buffalo Springs, Tex.

Paul Lee to Jacksonville church, N. C., from Stacy church, N. C.

REVIVALS . . . Jameson Memorial church, Henderson, Texas, Robert Hill, evangelist, Don Ellis, pastor; Oct. 6-16; 11 dec.; 9 add.

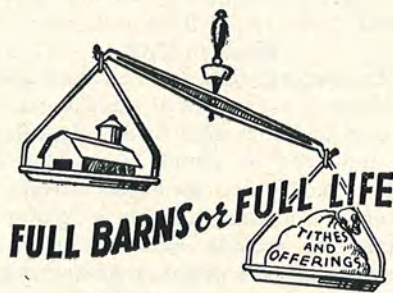
Bethel church, South Roxana, Ill., Damon C. Dodd, evangelist; Wallace Malone, pastor; Nov. 3-15.

Blue Point church, Fairfield, Ill.; Damon C. Dodd, evangelist; Leon McBride, pastor; Nov. 17-29.

First church, Raleigh, N. C.; Damon C. Dodd, evangelist; Herman Hersey, pastor; Dec. 3-13.

Fellowship church, Flat River, Mo.; William Hill, evangelist; Rolla Smith, pastor; Oct. 12-23.

Round-Up of
WORLD-WIDE
Religious
News Reports



● The nation's ministers, whose average purchasing power today has been rated only slightly above the nation's farmers and restaurant waiters, will be cheered that a study of their economic situation is about to be undertaken. The comprehensive study was authorized by the NCC. A 1954 survey of 14 denominations in the North Central states revealed that average minister's salary in rural churches was \$3,231 and in urban churches \$3,544.

● Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergy and laymen will be included on a citizens' committee being organized at Fort Wayne, Ind., to rid local newsstands of indecent literature. The committee is being organized by the county prosecutor as part of his all-out drive against obscene publications. "A lot of the stand operators are in sympathy with my action," he said.

● The Austrian Catholic Press Service says that a special internment camp for Roman Catholic priests was opened recently by Hungary's Communist government. It says that police have interned an undisclosed number of priests who were known to sympathize with the Hungarian freedom fighters.

● A new contest for devotional programs for women's groups has been announced by Zondervan Publishing House. It will close December 31, 1958. Devotional talk should be less than 1200 words and payment will be one-and-a-half cents per word. Details may be had by writing Contest Editors, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

● A layman in Barrington, Ill., challenges a belief by many Protestants "that Roman Catholics are increasing by leaps and bounds." "Simply not true," Mr. Willard Johnson says, and cites these figures: In 1906, Roman Catholics were 37 per cent of all church members in the USA. In 1956, they were 34 per cent. In the same fifty years Protestants and Jews increased four times as rapidly as Roman Catholics.

● Israel's government has granted permission to a corporation headed by three Minneapolis conservative Protestant churchmen to start a graduate school of Biblical studies in Jerusalem. Students who attend the school will be able to do "unlimited digging" at ancient Biblical sites.

Piedmont Bible Institute Dedicates Building



Rev. Homer Willis, home missions secretary, cuts ribbon opening Piedmont Institute while Rev. Roy Rikard, founder, and two local mill officials look on.

Dedicatory services for the first building of the Piedmont Bible Institute, Cramerton, N. C., were held September 1. Rev. Roy Rikard, pastor of the Cramerton church and founder and president of the Institute, presided. Principal speakers were J. D. Barbee, a vice-president of Burlington Mills, and W. J. Pharr, vice-president of Stowe Mills. Rev. Homer E. Willis, national home missions secretary, participated in the service and cut the ribbon opening the building for students.

The second session of the institute opened October 7. Forty-two students registered for the first session last year. Personnel of the institute are Roy Rikard, president; Norman Perkins, vice-president; Ralph Staten, dean; Mrs. Robert Parris, registrar; Novella Propst, librarian, and Maxine Steward, treasurer.

Faculty members are Walter Carter, Mrs. Ralph Staten, James Earl Raper, Clyde Cox, R. H. Jackson, and Ralph Staten.

October Is Good Month for Cooperative

The Cooperative Plan experienced one of the best months in October since last February as undesignated receipts climbed to nearly \$5,000. Several new churches are being added to the list as the new church year begins and new budgets have been adopted.

Word has reached the executive office that several churches have adopted the Cooperative beginning this year. Regular gifts through the Cooperative Plan assures support for the seven agencies of the National Association.

October report is as follows:

RECEIPTS

ALABAMA		
First church, Dothan	108.86	
State Line S.S. convention	20.00	128.86
ARIZONA		
Arizona-Mexico Missions,		
Tucson	18.98	
Camelback church, Phoenix	49.07	68.05
ARKANSAS		
State association		233.47
CALIFORNIA		
Churches of California		283.42
FLORIDA		
Northeast Florida Union		
Meeting	2.00	
First church, Haines City	19.62	21.62
GEORGIA		
State association		309.36
ILLINOIS		
Salem church, Wayne City	31.45	
Ina church, Ina	54.56	
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon	91.89	
Webbs Prairie church, Ewing	10.47	
Pleasant View, Kell	24.75	
Union church, West Frankfort	8.05	
Bethel church, South Roxana	86.08	
Oak Grove, Scheller	18.55	
Waltonville church,		
Mt. Vernon	28.42	354.22
KENTUCKY		
Southside church, Paintsville		33.24
MICHIGAN		
Wolverine Association		20.00
MISSISSIPPI		
Northeast Mississippi ass'n.		25.08
MISSOURI		
State association		736.94
NORTH CAROLINA		
Davis church, Davis	67.40	
First church, Beaufort	112.13	179.53
NEW MEXICO		
F.W.B. church, Hobbs	89.61	
T. B. Gartman	5.00	
First N.M. association	4.27	98.88
OHIO		
F.W.B. church, Springfield		25.00
OKLAHOMA		
State association		515.86
TENNESSEE		
Ashland City church	32.44	
New Hope church, Joelton	105.00	

Enlist

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back again and again. Nursing homes and homes for the aged and blind also offer opportunities.

To obtain permission is rather simple. Go to the person in charge and explain who you are, who you represent and what you want to do and ask if a time could be allotted for you to have a 30-minute or one hour service. In most cases you will be welcomed.

What to Do?

You have organized, trained your group, and obtained your place of service and next you need to know what to do. This varies with the type of people to whom you minister. You would not expect to have the same kind of service with a group of teenagers in trouble with the law and confined in juvenile detention homes or state training schools, as you would with a group of blind people who are all Christians.

In short, use these rules: (1) If the group is made up primarily of lost souls you would have an evangelistic service. This would include a short song service, several testimonies from group members, and about a 10-minute message, and an invitation. After the benediction is pronounced, have the group members witness personally to those who are lost and have prayer with those who are already saved but are backslidden or discouraged. The total amount of time should not exceed an hour for any one service. (2) If the group is made up primarily of Christians who are in some way handicapped, make the service as uplifting and inspiring as you can. This can

South Side church, Memphis	17.23	
Trinity church, Nashville	100.00	
East Nashville church	23.44	
Palmer Memorial church,		
Nashville	47.56	
Wooddale church, Knoxville	40.40	366.07

TEXAS

State association

637.20

VIRGINIA

Fairmount Park, Norfolk

400.00

First church, Richmond

311.00

711.00

4,747.80

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Alabama	9.19	
Illinois	2.10	
North Carolina	156.22	
Oklahoma	25.00	192.51
		4,940.31

DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Department	1,624.37	
Foreign Mission Dept.	1,330.88	
Bible College	948.97	
Home Mission Dept	616.91	
Superannuation Board	205.52	
Sunday School Board	166.19	
F.W.B. League Board	47.47	4,940.31

be done in part by the practical work group singing the requests for "old favorites" in the song service. A comforting message should also be brought in a service of this kind.

There is yet another type of personal witnessing that does not call for a service necessarily. This is tract distribution on the streets, in bus or train stations, or in homes. There are several ways one might use a gospel tract. One way is to hand one to every one you can with no thought of speaking to any one. Another way is give one only to those you talk to. Past experience has proved that the best use of a gospel tract is to let the tract be a means of opening up a conversation with a person on the street, or wherever he may be.

With this opening you deal with him about his soul and leave the tract with him when you finish. There will need to be some more planning done for a door-to-door canvass of your town or community in tract distribution. Your group should meet together and lay out a large town map, if available, and divide the town into sections and plan to cover the area in a systematic way. This will make sure every residence is visited and every person has had a gospel witness. If a map is not available, use your knowledge of the town or community to plan the canvass.

If you have a group that deals with children you have another type program. This usually includes gospel choruses, and a Bible story or lesson presented in such a way that the child can understand. To do an effective job in this, you will need Bible quiz books, flannelgraph stories, object lessons, etc., which may be obtained either from the national headquarters or your local religious bookstore.

It has not been intended to answer all your questions in this article, but it has been intended to arouse you and your church to take some definite steps toward a more vigorous program of personal soul-winning and evangelization. May the Holy Spirit impress upon your heart this great imperative, "Go ye . . ." If you would like to know more about how to plan and set in motion a practical work department in your church, please address all correspondence to:

Practical Work Department
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Women at Work

Suggestions for Enlisting Members

MRS. RUFUS COFFEY, WNAC Vice-President

Blessed is the auxiliary whose vice-president is a faithful, active worker. To a great extent, the growth and consistent attendance of the local auxiliary depends upon her interest, her enthusiasm and her willingness to work. If she is really dedicated to this task, she will be interested in enlisting other women for so important a task.

The vice-president, in order to enlist others, must be thoroughly enlisted herself. She should know the auxiliary work, believe in it wholeheartedly, and have a firm conviction that every Free Will Baptist woman needs the two-fold blessing that will come to her through this work—first, the deepening of her own spiritual life through the meetings and the fellowship, and second, the opportunity to express her love to the Master through service. With such a conviction she will then go out to enlist the unenlisted women in service for her Lord.

Here are a few enlistment suggestions:

An Enlistment Banquet—This is very appropriate for the beginning of the auxiliary year. It should be a very special occasion with the installation of the new officers at the same time. Have as the honor guests those women who have joined the auxiliary during the past year and prospective members of the auxiliary. These, of course, will not have any responsibility.

Make your plans for a banquet with program, decorations, and activities appropriate for the occasion and theme chosen. Be sure to include a few light selections on the program as well as the more serious side. A guest minister or field worker would be happy to bring the special message.

An Enlistment Supper—For this occasion, have the members of the auxiliary bring a covered dish and a prospective member. Following the supper, you could present a program similar to the following one or one of your own choosing.

Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us"

Prayer—Program-prayer chairman

Special music—"What Shall I Give Thee Master?"

Devotional message—"Women, Messengers of the Gospel" (John 20:11-18; Mark 16:1-8; Matthew 28:18-20)

Hymn—"Send the Light"

Enlistment skit—(May be secured from WNAC office.)

Enlisting the new members

Benediction

Special Enlistment Campaign — From your Sunday school or church roll, find the names of the women who are not members of the auxiliary. Before the banquet, supper, or a regular meeting, make a real effort to enlist them such as:

Three weeks before the meeting write them a personal letter inviting them to attend the meeting.

Two weeks before the meeting have a group of two or three visit them as a follow-up. Explain the purpose of the auxiliary and your desire to enlist them for service.

One week before the meeting contact them by telephone as a reminder that you are looking forward to having them at the meeting.

When they are enlisted receive them properly with introductions and any explanations needed. Explain the Standard and give them the literature and material to be used. Keep in touch with them and give them a job to do. Last, but not least, be sure that the programs are worth attending and that everyone will gain and profit from them.



Richmond, Va.—The Tidewater district convention met October 12 at the First church. The theme was "Crown Him Lord of All" with Mrs. W. O. Duell, Warwick; Mrs. Eugene Waddell, Portsmouth, and Miss June Rivenbark, Norfolk, as speakers. As a special feature of the program, the convention delegates were divided into four mission prayer bands for special prayer for the mission fields.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Oletha Parsons was named president of the new St. Louis district convention which was organized October 5 at the South Side church. Other officers include Mrs. Mary Regh, vice-president, and Mrs. Lee De Witt, secretary-treasurer.

Springdale, Ark.—Two workshop sessions featuring three of the national auxiliary officers was the highlight of the Arkansas state convention which met at the Phillips Chapel church. Conducting these workshops were Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Mrs. L. D. Miley, and Mrs. Ralph Staires. The convention heard a challenging report on the new African field and voted to subscribe its quota for the \$10,000 project.

Albany, Ga.—The Midway district convention met here October 4 with nine auxiliaries represented. The theme was "Engage and Evaluate." New officers are Mrs. O. B. Everson, president; Mrs. J. W. Clower, vice-president; Mrs. Marshall Day, secretary; Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Sr., assistant secretary; Mrs. B. Houston, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Leo Curtis, treasurer.

The following were named as chairmen: Mrs. M. G. Shiver, field secretary; Mrs. O. L. Houston, youth; Mrs. S. T. Dunning, study course; Mrs. Roy Lanier, stewardship-prayer, and Mrs. Nancy Johnson, personal service.

Ashland, Ky.—The Kentucky district convention met August 12 at the Second church with five churches represented. Among the items adopted was the support of a Bible College student, a \$200 goal for the African mission station project, and a decision to join with the Kentucky state association.

Women Have a Way

It is shocking to discover that the average church member has not grown above the level of a fourteen-year-old in knowledge of Christian faith and life. Certainly we dare not allow this situation to go on without trying to do something about it. Women have a way of attacking a problem and changing it. It is, therefore, quite probable that the combined efforts of the women of the church can raise the spiritual age level in direct proportion to our belief in its importance.—Ruth Nothstein in *A More Excellent Way*

Five Minutes

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all those other clubs, I would not have to be ashamed today. Being out here makes me wonder just what it is going to be like to stand before the judgment seat of Christ and try to tell Him why I spent my life so foolishly, on things that really did not matter, instead of on things of a spiritual nature.

It seems like it was only yesterday, but it must have been several years ago that I heard Dr. Oswald Smith say that he had been in the gospel ministry for fifty years, has spent his entire life seeking to introduce men and women to Jesus Christ. But the next thing he said is what I want you to get. I remember what a jolt it sent through my spine because I knew I could not say what he said. He said, "And after spending my entire life for Jesus Christ, I have no regrets—I would not have done it any other way!" Of course, I quickly rationalized my position. I remember saying to myself, "Why is it a man cannot serve the Lord in business? Have not I conducted my business on a Christian basis? I have tried to be honest, pay my employees what they deserve, put out a good solid product, charge for it only a fair margin of profit, and seek the interest of my stock-holders? The Lord needs such business men to keep the church doors open. After all, Suppose everyone went into the ministry who would support the preachers and the missionaries?" Little did I know I was tricking myself in a way that even a student in freshman logic would have blushed to own.

What I should have said was, "You cannot say what Dr. Smith just said. You have spent most of your time and the best of your energy making money and trying to get ahead. You have actually been selfish, and all the while telling yourself it was for your family, for the church, and in the interest of the missions." But after the service was over, I put it out of my mind, and got back to work, because in the business world if you do not stay ahead of the gang, you get bowled over by it.

I guess I was just short-sighted. I was not counting on eternity. I had forgotten that one day I would be out here, looking back on my short three-score-and-ten, and wishing I had spent it for Christ. But now it is too late. I cannot go back and relive those wasted years. All I can do is hope to get back to earth and spend my remaining years with one purpose in mind, regardless of my occupation: to reach men and women and boys and girls for Jesus Christ. Just like Paul made tents to pay expenses, but said "This one thing I do . . .",

I want to use every contact I have to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

ONE SAINT And that leads me to this observation: I have just come to see the true value of even one saint. Now, I am one of those proverbially hard-headed business men. Or at least I was until I found myself out here. But looking at this business of reaching the lost for Jesus Christ, and assuming that this is the primary purpose for a child of God, the reason for which he has been left on the earth (like I once was), if only ONE saint really meant business with God and got busy about His business, not only the youth of America, but the population of the entire earth could at least hear about life in Christ. Figure it out for yourself; if only ONE saint spent the entire year winning one of the students in his Sunday school class to the Lord and training him in the art of soul-winning, and then the next year the teacher and his student spent the next year winning one soul each; do you realize that if the ratio were continued, the entire population of that planet down there could be told the blessed gospel story within one generation! Think of it: an entire generation around the globe, if even one saint could start that chain reaction. When I first heard that, I could hardly believe it was right. And I figured out all sorts of reasons as to why it would not work. But since I have been out here and seen the value of one hour, and one soul, and one talent, and one purpose, it has affected my evaluation of one saint. If one saint could get that machinery started, and I could get back to earth again, I would be willing to be that one saint!

Say! Did you feel something? We seem to be slowing down, and I think we are nearer to the earth too. In fact, that looks like a city over there . . . skyline looks something like Los Angeles. I believe it is. We're going to land. Wonderful! It's as I hoped. I am going to have that opportunity to live with eternity's values in view. And you can believe me, it will be different!

Now if you can flip the switch on your imaginations, come to earth, where we are seated in this auditorium attending the annual convention of the National Sunday School Association. Let me tie this down. Do you realize you are right now in possession of the greatest value on earth? At your disposal is one hour—one precious hour each week—loaded with the infinite possibilities of the power of God. Some may call it the most wasted hour of the week, but it need not be. Used wisely it can be the most worthwhile hour of the week. If looking at that hour from the vantage point of eternity can awaken you to its potentialities, and you can catch the vision of what can be done, it is destined to become the most worthwhile hour not only in the week but the most worthwhile hour in a lifetime!

If you can only see from God's viewpoint what is before you each Sunday, as that little group of students you call your Sunday school class assembles, you may begin to see what He sees in each one of those individual human souls!

If you can visualize what powers are tied up in what little or limited talents you may think you have, and turn them over to the Lord for His enablement, you may become the channel through which God pours His power and blessing into the lives of those who sit before you each week for spiritual guidance, blessing and encouragement.

If you have been able to see your life purposes in the light of eternity by this imaginary trip into space, and have caught on to the wisdom of concentrating on "this one thing" as Paul did, God may be able to converge and channel His power through you into the lives of your students.

If you can only see that you—one saint;—you—sitting right there; you—Sunday school teacher or officer; if you can only see that YOU might be the one saint God is waiting on to perform a mighty work of His grace in your Sunday school and ultimately in your community and even into the uttermost part of the earth, then I believe you will approach these convention days with this major desire: to be renewed in your devotion to the Lord you serve, to receive a fresh vision of the importance of your task, to realize the limitless potential in His power, and to become the profitable servant He wants you to be.

If that is your prayer, may it be answered right soon!

Teach

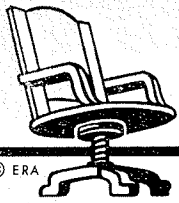
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junior colleges was reared at the home.

Superintendent Smith, ordained a Free Will Baptist minister in 1938, counsels with the children regularly. He served in pastoral positions prior to taking the head position at the home. Rev. J. O. Fort serves as pastor of the institution's church.

"God deserves all the credit for what has been done for North Carolina children through our work here," Mr. Smith evaluated. Dr. Newell gave a high appraisal of Mr. Smith's personal handling of the children. "He can give you a psychological run-down on any child at the home at any time without referring to the records. Another great factor in the home's success is that his wife is just as devoted to this work as he is."

"There is more to a children's home than just giving a child food, clothing, and a place to live," the superintendent concluded. "If we miss teaching children how to live, then we've missed it all."



"From Where I Sit"

Any editor likes to read what another editor is saying and how he feels about contemporary news. This column is given to interesting remarks as stated by editors of other publications. You will find many of them pertinent to our Christian beliefs and others will be very pungent, yet amusing. The original source is given in each case where it is known. They are all worthy of reflective thought.

Public Relations and Religious Revival

Measured in terms of modern promotional success stories, the New Testament evangelists and the apostles were perhaps far from ideal. But they told the truth at the cost of life itself; they spoke to man's deepest needs in terms of the Christ.

A modern public relations staff would have advised Paul to "pull many of his punches," but the apostle would have proved an exasperating client. He was more concerned with winning converts and serving Christ than with winning friends and influencing people. Whereas public relations aims to avoid all offence to customers it often exploits, the Gospel often is first a scandal to those it convicts and saves.

—Carl F. H. Henry in *Christianity Today*

The Best Feed

"I see in your church convention," said an old farmer to the preacher, "that you discussed the subject: How to get people to attend church. I have never heard a single address at a farmers' convention on how to get the cattle to come to the rack. We spend our time discussing the best feed."

—L. E. Maxwell in *Prairie Overcomer*

What Hinduism Offers Womanhood

With women there can be no lasting friendship; hearts of hyenas are the hearts of women. The husband should not eat in the presence of his wife. Such indeed is the divine ordinance. Women, the low-caste Sunde, the dog, the blow crow, are untruth.

Stealing grain, base metals, or cattle, slaying women and low-caste Sundres, and atheism are all minor offenses. Yet it is difficult to get many women to serve Christ who elevated womanhood to the high level they now know. Why?

—Robert G. Lee in *Bellevue Bulletin*

The Deeper Reason

No doubt there are many reasons why so many Christians fail to witness. Some perhaps simply do not know how—but for these there is a number of fine books and helps if the individual cares to seek them out. Some are confronted by reticence or shyness—but they have access to the same throne of grace to which the apostles went in Acts 4 to pray for boldness. A few may think they have no opportunity, but honesty will compel nearly everyone to admit that he is in touch, personally or by letter, with at least two or three who greatly need to know the Saviour.

There is little use in learning the how of witnessing, of praying for boldness or a burden or even of going through the motions of speaking to others about the Lord unless we have seen and experienced at least a little of the glory of heaven and the majesty of Christ.

Is it because we do not really know Him that our witnessing falls so short?

—William Culbertson in *Moody Monthly*

After-Service Greetings

After church services it is important for the older members of the congregation to approach the new ones and the visitors, introduce themselves, and say how pleased they were to have them present. To keep the church inviting, these after-service greetings should not be over-zealous approaches to try to get them to join the church or one of its organizations, or to buy a ticket to a church function, or to bake a cake for the cake sale. It must be remembered that the visitors come to worship and thus should be greeted on a spiritual rather than organizational level.

—Williard Pleuthner in *You Church*



LORD'S, and the fulness thereof

personally . . .

This could well be an historic month for Free Will Baptists as the editor spends the entire month in Europe in his capacity as executive secretary of the denomination. As explained in the September issue, the trip is to survey the Free Will Baptist work in some of the countries and make contact with the leaders.

We would like to emphasize that the trip is purely exploratory. No one is able to predict the results. We have some aspirations and ambitions in mind, but we do not know if these are shared by our brethren on the other side of the Atlantic. But the only way to find out is to meet with these men and pray and talk about it.

This we will do along with preaching in many churches and at meetings in Holland and Spain. Whatever other results may come from the trip, we are certainly praying that God will give a harvest of souls in these services.

Since the executive office will be without a director for this month, we ask you to please be understanding if the correspondence, work and services of the department are behind schedule. The office secretary and other workers will do their best to meet every request and fill every need, but some things may have to wait until the return of the executive secretary.

Please pray for him and the trip. The first ten days of November will be spent in Holland, plans are to meet the Sparks and Merks in Geneva on the 11th or 12th, and the rest of the time through December 2 will be spent in and around Barcelona, Spain. He will return to the states about the 4th or 5th of December.

A full report will be given in future issues of *CONTACT* and a detailed report with recommendations will be given to the Executive Committee when they meet early in 1958. If this is a new door God is opening to us, let us pray for courage and grace to step into it.

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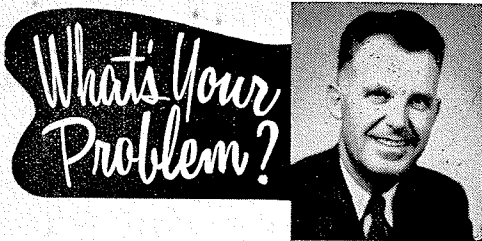
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Q. The words to be used in baptizing are expressly indicated by our Lord: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). Why then do we read in Acts (2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5) that the Apostles baptized in the "name of Jesus?"

A. In your letter you made this statement: "The formulary of words is so expressly indicated by Jesus that it is unthinkable to suggest that a few days later the Apostles would dare to change to another form of words unless it was directed to the men of Israel (Acts 2:22)." I quite agree with you. We nor the Apostles have neither reason nor authority to substitute another formula than Matthew 28:19; its non-use would render the so-called baptism invalid. The Trinitarian formula must be taken in the Trinitarian sense. Repeating the words, but denying their sense and meaning as referring to the Triune God, as anti-Trinitarians do, invalidates baptism. The scriptures referred to in your question above do not state that the Apostles substituted a different formula, but merely describe baptism as the baptism instituted by Christ. And the baptism instituted by Christ is the baptism in the name of the Triune God.

Q. Do Free Will Baptists have a panel of ministers or board of any sort to review movies that are released for public showing?

A. No. From observation I have noticed that most devout Christians shun the moving picture theater and consider it a worldly amusement. They base their conviction on the scriptural admonition to "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22), "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate" (2 Cor. 6:17), "And be not conformed to this world . . ." (Romans 12:2), etc. However, there are many very excellent motion pictures made and used expressly for the glory of God and the exaltation of the Lord Jesus. Our own Foreign Mission Board has several available films for showing in our churches. Some

groups and individual Christians object to any kind of moving picture. I, personally, do not object to Christian films and we use them in our church.

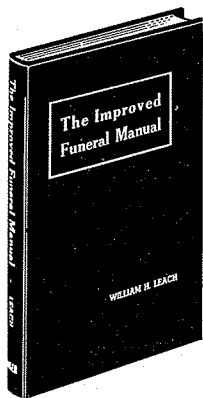
Q. Do you think Christians ought to fast?

A. Yes, I am in favor of Christians doing anything in their power to bring down the blessings of God upon themselves or others. Certainly, there is no virtue in going without food which is necessary for human sustenance, except in that sense of our own unworthiness that leads us to prostrate ourselves before God in humbly seeking His will and His face in such sincerity and earnestness that one will give himself so completely to prayer that he desires no interruption, even food. Fasting does not belong to the Old Testament only, but in the New Testament we have instances of prayer and fasting. See Acts 13:2, 3; 14:23; 2 Cor. 11:27.

Q. Do you believe in the intermarriage of persons of different nationalities?

A. No. I do not believe in the marriage of a white person to a Negro, nor the intermarriage of persons of widely separated nationalities, such as the marriage of an American to a Chinese. We might have difficulty in finding the Scripture that specifically forbids it, but such a marriage will certainly bring great misery to the offspring, under the present conditions of human society. Their position might become intolerable and involve them in difficulties, which would hinder, if not absolutely prevent, the utmost usefulness for Christ.

Address your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, c/o CONTACT, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.



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Second Honor Roll

"Every Church Family" Plan

- Salem church, Missouri
- Hurryville church, Farmington, Mo.
- Pleasant Valley church, Butler, Okla.
- Martinstown church, Worthington, Mo.
- First church, Sapulpa, Okla.
- West Side church, Johnsonville, South Carolina
- First church, Bryan, Texas
- First church, Corning, Ark.
- Central church, Tampa, Florida
- Union church, West Frankfort, Illinois
- First church, Wenatchee, Washington
- Jameson Memorial church, Henderson, Texas
- First church, Lake Charles, La.
- Bethel church, West Plains, Mo.
- First church, Pine Bluff, Ark.
- Buffalo Springs church, Bellevue, Texas
- Woodbine church, Nashville, Tenn.
- Oakland church, Bradford, Ark.
- First church, Blakely, Ga.
- New Home church, Tulsa, Okla.
- Mt. Olive church, Laneville, Texas
- First church, Searcy, Ark.
- First church, Midland, Texas
- First church, Chipley, Florida
- Victory church, Kansas City, Mo.
- Trinity church, Nashville, Tenn.
- New Love Well church, Richton, Miss.
- Beacon church, Raytown, Mo.
- Pretty Water church, Sapulpa, Okla.
- First church, Dothan, Ala.
- Old Lovewell church, Richton, Miss.
- Village Chapel church, Ceres, Calif.
- Pikeville church, Ky.
- North Fresno church, Fresno, Calif.
- Emmanuel church, Columbus, Ga.
- South Side church, Memphis, Tenn.
- Bakersfield church, Calif.
- Oasis Mission, Tucson, Ariz.
- First church, Tifton Ga.

Both of the churches added to the honor roll this month are new organizations. This is typical for many new churches start the "Every Family Plan" as soon as they are organized. In this way, every member is always assured of receiving the church paper. Our honor roll now stands at 39 churches—11 more will complete it. Will yours be added this month?

The Family Plan is the simplest way of seeing that each member gets the denominational paper. Each month the paper goes directly to the mailbox of each member whose church uses the Family Plan and the subscription is paid for by his tithes and offerings given to the church.

We will send our new folder telling about the plan, "Contact in Every Home in Every Church," and complete forms for enrolling your families if you will write and request it.

Rules for Honor Roll

1. Send names and addresses of all families in the church. *Do not send any money.*
2. Your list will be checked against our circulation. Refunds on any subscriptions in effect will be credited to the church account.
3. The church will receive a bill quarterly for 25 cents for each subscription and a form for adding or dropping any names desired.
4. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued.