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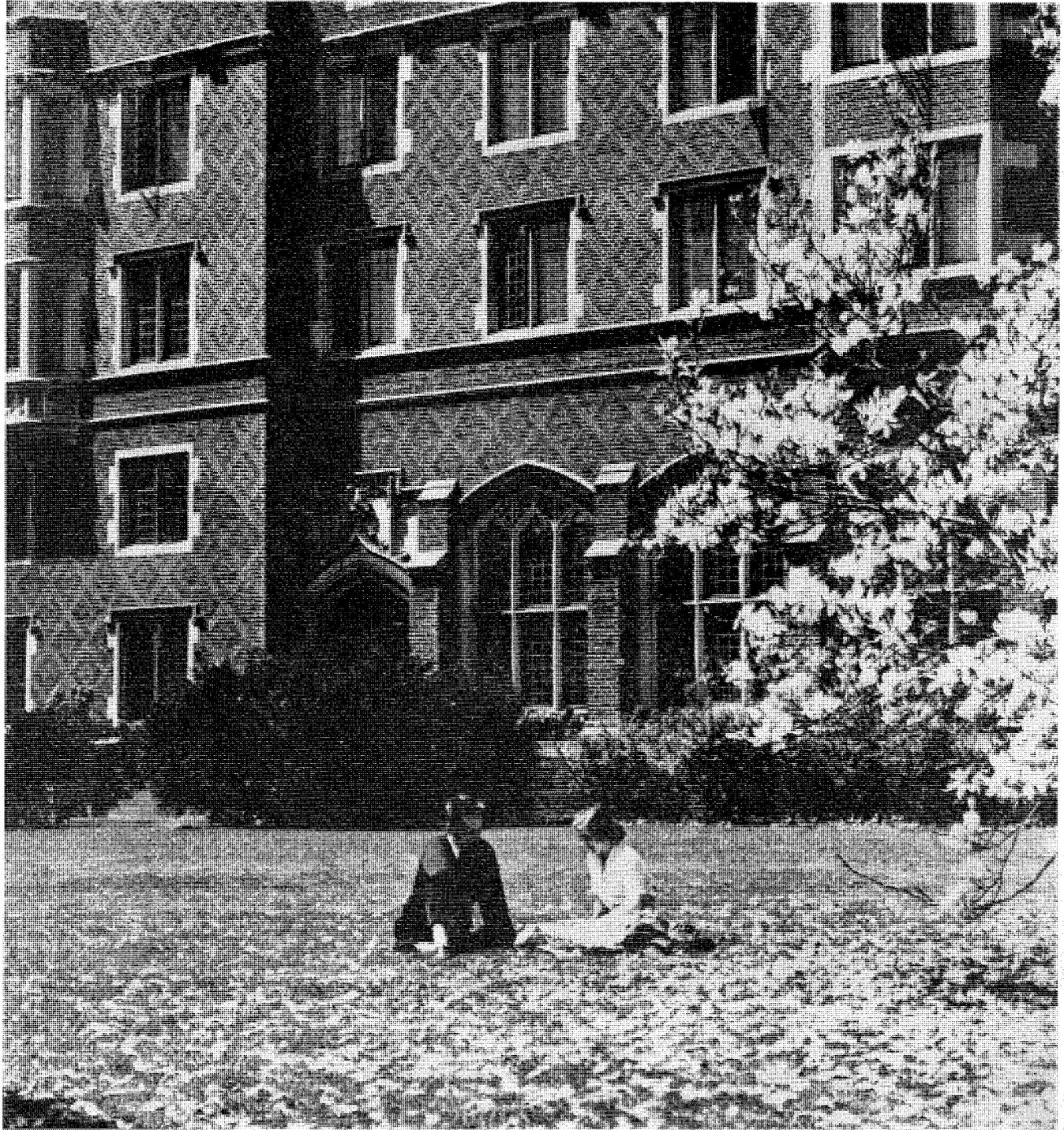
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AND IT CAME to pass that Rev. Mr. A. and Rev. Mr. B. were members of the same Annual Conference.

And lo and behold, the powers that be appointed Rev. Mr. A. to Podunk circuit.

Verily he thought he should have had a better appointment but decided he would go and serve two years if peradventure he could get a better place then.

Howbeit, the Podunk people liked Rev. Mr. A. Verily he visited and mooched the people for gifts. His sermons were soothing. Lo, he was tail-twister in a dinner club and was popular. And it came to pass that he visited the sick of his church and other churches, courted funerals, and preached all who died into heaven. He continually apple-

polished the District Superintendent. He secretly asked the District Superintendent to move him to a better salary and said request was granted.

The Parable of Ministerial Etiquette

In his farewell talk at Podunk he told the people that he loved them and while he would be gone he hoped he would not be forgotten. If he could help them in the future to call on him. And behold the people blamed the Superintendent and Bishop for taking their good pastor away.

And it came to pass that Rev. Mr. B. was then appointed to Podunk Circuit.

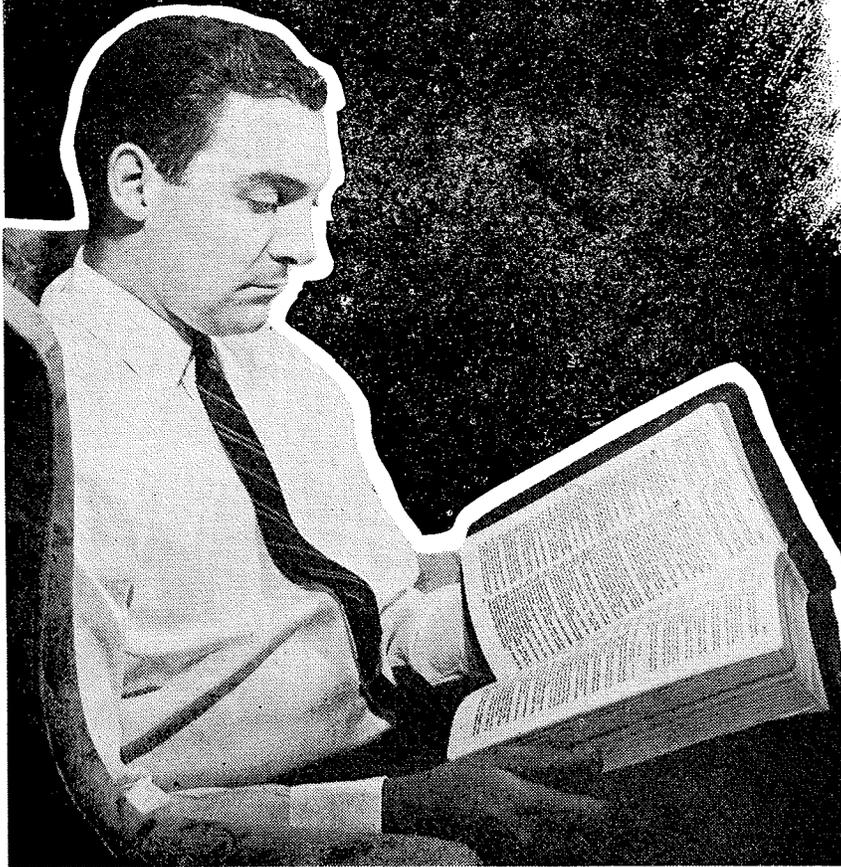
Rev. Mr. B. had spoken farewell words in the ears of the congregation he was leaving. Said he, "I have been your pastor four years. Your new pastor is a man of God. He must increase and I must decrease. Let him conduct your funerals and weddings and do not call me back to do the work of your pastor."

And it came to pass that Podunk saw they had a different preacher who warned them to avoid the world, the flesh and the devil and to shun the wrath to come. And they complained, "Why does our pastor disturb us with controversial subjects and expect our time, talent and tithe?"

And behold Grandma Hunkeldorf died with a heart attack. And the family said, "Quick, telephone Rev. Mr. A. to come back and preach her to heaven." Rev. Mr. A. did not ask the family if they had the consent of Rev. Mr. B. to preach in his pulpit. He did not tell them to ask their pastor to have charge of the service. He did not go to the parsonage before he went to the funeral home.

Howbeit Rev. Mr. B. gave Rev. Mr. A. a friendly welcome in the funeral home and a warm introduction in the church. He was glad the family could have a former pastor in their bereavement. But Rev. Mr. A. said no kind word about the pastor before he began to eulogize Grandma Hunkeldorf and her family. At the cemetery Rev. Mr. A. took full charge and then rushed about greeting his former parishioners.

And it came to pass at the parsonage that night that the good wife of Rev. Mr. B. said, "Dear husband, God has given you the courtesy of ministerial etiquette. Howbeit, I am sorry that Rev. A. is utterly lacking in that beautiful grace." But Rev. Mr. B. doubted if the people noticed the contrast.



THIS ARTICLE is for evangelicals who are ready to face straight, unvarnished truth about their colleges. The blunt truth is simply this: Evangelicals will need to support their colleges much more substantially if they are to fulfill their mission in the critical years ahead. The reasons are obvious:

1. Many Christian colleges, both Christian liberal arts colleges and Bible colleges, are definitely under-supported now. Inadequate facilities, underpaid teachers, and deficit operations in many a school are the evidence.

2. Many evangelical Christians and churches have never assumed a sense of responsibility for the vitally important college that honors Christ and prepares students for Christian service. They support missions but they have not seen the necessity of supporting schools that train missionaries.

3. Evangelical institutions of higher learning are in danger of being further surpassed in number and size by Roman Catholic colleges. Hungate of Columbia University says, "The conviction is bound to grow that the maintenance of weakly financed Protestant colleges does not help the church and contributions are expected to decline. The Catholics are likely to strengthen their institutions."

4. Evangelical colleges should not merely hold their own, but they need to be substantially strengthened in the next decade.

With the educational world turning its attention to technological training for the space age, colleges that stress moral and spiritual values are needed more than ever.

With the growth of the world's population, especially in underprivileged areas, the demand for thoroughly trained, Spirit-endued, Bible-indoctrinated evangelists is all the more insistent. The greatest opportunity for Christian witness of all time faces the church today.

5. The state is now taking over increasingly more responsibility for higher education, placing the Christian college at a disadvantage at the very time when Christianity is desperately needed in higher education.

When our nation was founded, there were no tax-supported schools. All levels of education were in the hands of private agencies, principally churches, and supported voluntarily. The first segment of education to be taken over by the state was the elementary school in the North between 1825-50. Then the state began taking over secondary education so that by 1900 the public, tax-supported high school had eclipsed the church-supported academy. The state had the tremendous advantage over private education through its power of taxation.

Now we are in the third phase of the state taking over education. A century or more ago, there were few state universities; the bulk of higher education was carried on in Protestant institutions and for the most

Is There a Future For the Evangelical Colleges in America?

By S. A. Witmer

Executive Secretary, Accrediting of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges

part they were evangelical. For the past twenty-five years there has been a balance between state and private institutions; about fifty per cent of all students were in private colleges and fifty in public. Now the shift is definitely toward public, tax-supported institutions. In Dr. Raymond Walters' annual report on registrations, sixty-five large public universities last fall reported an enrollment of 527,766—an increase of 4.1%. At the same time, fifty-seven large private universities reported 289,990—a decrease of 1.7%.

This year approximately 57% of all students in institutions of higher learning are in tax-supported institutions, and it is predicted that in another ten or twelve years, when the impending bulge will double college registration, the state will be educating 80 per cent of all college students. Already private education in some states is a fraction of the total. For example, only 22 percent of college students in Michigan are in privately supported institutions.

What points to increasing responsibility by the state is the sheer magnitude of the task. In 1900 only 237,592 students were enrolled in colleges and universities. By 1930, the figure had topped a million; now it is over 3,000,000 and the big bulge is yet to come!

In viewing the dimensions of this challenge, the President's Committee on Education Beyond the High School said this: "Our colleges and universities are expected by the American public to perform something close to a miracle in the next ten to fifteen years. They are called upon to provide education of a continually improved quality to a far larger number of students—at least six million by 1970 compared to three million now. . . . Our institutions of higher learning, despite their remarkable achievements in the past, are in no shape today to meet the challenge. Their resources are already strained; their quality and standards are even now in jeopardy; and their projected plans fall short of the indicated need." If this is true generally, how much

more so of weakly supported evangelical colleges!

The tax-supported school has two definite advantages over the church-related college. First, it can offer education for certain professions which few private schools can afford, and second, its costs to students are lower. The over-all cost per student this year in privately controlled colleges averages \$2,037 against \$1,483 for the publicly controlled school. The difference lies in the higher cost of tuition and fees in private colleges.

One additional factor needs to be mentioned. Some states are seeking to provide college education without tuition. California has been providing free junior college education and now aims at senior college for all who want it and can profit from it.

In the light of these factors, what is the future of evangelical colleges—both Bible and liberal arts? There is no question about their vital importance. The state cannot undergird youth with faith; it is restricted from recognizing Jesus Christ as Redeemer and Lord. The preservation of schools that acknowledge His Saviourhood and Lordship is an absolute necessity.

What is their future? Secularists like Hungate would write off most of them. They will either close through lack of support or the state will operate them.

But their future will be decided by evangelicals themselves—by their faith, their vision, their sense of responsibility and their willingness to give generously for *Christian education*. If these are lacking, Hungate's outlook is the only alternative.

I cannot believe that evangelicals will let their schools down in this period of unparalleled opportunity. Individuals can take on one or more schools and contribute regularly to their operation. Churches can put a college or institute into their annual budget. In number of cases, denominations might well review their schools and decide to back them more generously.—From **United Evangelical Action**



Students stand in front of the newest addition to the Bible College property. The Victory Celebration planned for December is designed to pay for this building.

Bible College Plans Victory Celebration

Entering its 17th year in the ministry of training Christian youth, Free Will Baptist Bible College is enjoying the use of the new student lounge-dining hall building. The construction and utilization of this building brings to completion the first step of the improvement program begun by the school in 1956.

That is, the first step will be complete by an all-out effort by each church in the denomination to take part in the "Victory Celebration" December 17-18 at the Bible College when all gifts will be tabulated to pay off the \$60,000 indebtedness owed on the construction of the new building.

President L. C. Johnson has written 2500 pastors in the denomination, asking them to lead their churches in one large united drive to make the Bible College debt-free. Churches are asked to bring their offerings and pledges to be paid within one year on December 17 and 18 and celebrate together the victory of raising the needed \$60,000.

Although the campaign is little more than a month old, a good number of pastors have already written Dr. Johnson, pledging their full cooperation. The president announced that to raise the goal of \$60,000 will be the greatest victory celebration Free Will Baptists have ever known. At 9 o'clock on December 18 every person and church that has made a gift to the improvement program since July, 1956, will have his gift posted.

Each pastor is asked to have his church represented with as generous a gift as possible. Churches are asked to strive for a gift equivalent to \$1 for each member.

In 1956 the Bible College announced a \$200,000 improvement program to provide additional space for an anticipated increase in student enrolment. Improvement program gifts during the past two years have amounted to almost \$40,000. The purchase of the Dunbar building, the construction of the student lounge-dining hall building with furnishings and equipment, and promotional expense have amounted to approximately \$100,000. This leaves a balance of \$60,000 needed on the new building.

The first effort in the improvement program was the purchase of the Dunbar property, a 11-room two-story brick building joining the college property at 3609 Richland Avenue. This property was purchased for \$15,000 and provided dormitory space for 16 to 18 boys, a student lounge, and a faculty apartment.

In August 1957, construction was begun on the first unit of the proposed building program. This consisted of a 184-foot wing addition to the auditorium to house a dining hall and kitchen, student lounge, music rooms, basement area for rest rooms, storage, and heating plant, and provided an 18-foot extension to the auditorium.

Practical benefits realized in the use of the new building are apparent all over the campus. The old dining and cooking facilities that were overtaxed to feed as many as 100 three times a day are now replaced by the new dining hall that has room to feed 200 at one sitting. At the present time about 115 eat breakfast and supper while from 130 to 140 eat lunch each day. During a conference or on special occasions extra equipment is brought in so as many as 200 can be served.

Another pressing need was solved by the student lounge. Formerly the college had no facilities to offer visitors and guests or even the outside students during the day. Outside accommodations had to be secured for social activities. Now the school has a pleasant lounge with attractive furniture for the enjoyment of students and visitors.

A visit to the music department, located backstage in the auditorium, places the visitor into a hub of music activity. Voice lessons will be going on in one studio while a piano lesson is being given in another. Four practice pianos will probably be in use at the same time.

Another area that has benefited by the new building is the college library. The former social rooms, no longer needed with the new student lounge available, are now occupied by the library and provide additional space for students to study and furnish more stack room for books.

The released space in Davidson Hall formerly occupied by the old dining hall now holds two classrooms a student activities office, and offices for four teachers. The school now uses six regular classrooms with the auditorium being used only for chapel and chorus classes. The total capacity of the classrooms not counting the auditorium is 220.

The dormitories this year hold the largest number of inside students than any year before. Richland Hall houses 41 young women in addition to Mrs. J. E. Simpson, dean of women, and three women faculty and staff members. The three men's dormitories have 68 students, which places as many students in each room as is desirable. Dormitory accommodations for a few more young men and women could be arranged, but before a sharp increase in either takes place more dormitory space will be necessary.

This points out the necessity for the second step in the improvement program—the construction of the second building to provide adequate classrooms for 300 students, teachers' offices, library, and administrative offices. The raising of the \$60,000 to pay for the student lounge-dining hall building will enable the school to start plans for the second building.

When these two steps of the improvement program are completed, the Bible College will have facilities to accommodate 200 dormitory students and 100 outside students, for a total capacity of 300 students.



Life at a Christian College

By Daniel R. Cronk

"Wow!! Who put hair oil in my bath water?" cried a not generally so vociferous student. With a worm chuckle deep inside me I recall that a Christian education was fun. Contrary to popular opinion, the school was not overrun with sober-sides, sour-pusses or red-eyed cranks. It most certainly was not a dull place to be. I found young people enjoying life to the glory of God. The happy social life made for well-adjusted Christians.

Man is essentially a gregarious creature, and in my life on a Christian campus many warm friendships were made. Friendships were hammered out of mutually-shared problems, ideas, and arguments with college roommates. This fellowship makes me ever thankful for Christian roommates in school. These contacts were fruitful in later life, for when thrown together in the Lord's work they enabled us to work together, sympathetically, understandingly, and effectively. A Christian college dormitory is a good place to learn to win friends and get along with people which is so very important in our contacts for Christ.

I appreciate very much the Christian atmosphere of Christian training for life service. The atmosphere in a secular college dorm, with its poker games, beer parties, and rough talk certainly makes it more difficult for a man to kneel and pray and have his personal devotions. The relation with God through prayer, meditation, and the study of His Word is vital to a victorious Christian life, and it was this very part of my school life that has meant much to me. To have like-minded fellow students is wonderful.

Also the atmosphere in the classrooms is different. To have professors who continually attack or flout the Christian tradition can be difficult to adjust to, to say the least, and might even be deadly to the student's faith in Christ. To have had men as teachers who were well aware of the

modern trends and thoughts of our day and our world, and constructively sympathetic with Christian thought is a cause for thanksgiving.

"The frontier behind the forehead" is a phrase I have read somewhere recently. And of course Christian education is concerned with the "grey matter" behind the forehead and endeavors to challenge it. But the problem is that there is more to man than this, there is that other side of man that equally needs developing. Some one has recently said "our outer mechanical progress is paving our road to hell with good inventions." It was refreshing to find the faculty of our school concerned with "the hidden man of the heart." (1 Peter 3:4).

A Christian education is the preparation of the whole man for a life of service. We must develop our skills to make that contribution, under the Kingship of Christ. Whatever field we are led to choose, whether office, industry, or full-time service in the church, all are equally sacred in His sight, and can be a means to glorify Him.

However, no matter in what field one prepares himself, if he is a sincere Christian he desires also to prepare himself to contribute something to his church. Material success seems somehow to have become the accepted goal in life. Should we not have an equal zeal to serve effectively in our Church? I believe that there is no other place that trains as well for an active church life as a Christian college.

If you are considering going to college I would challenge you with the words of General Douglas MacArthur at the time of the surrender of Japan— "The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our matchless advance in science . . ." These words from a military man!

The need is greater than ever before, in the face of overwhelming secularism and rising communism, for each young man and woman to be well-informed and grounded

in the Bible basis for his Christian life, hope, and faith. And that he have a practical and workable theology based on the Word of God with which to face and meet the challenge of our times is imperative. The Bible does contain the answer for our age, Christ is the Lord of the ages, as well as of the age. Our Christian institutions are peculiarly fitted for this task.

Three verses in the Bible sum up what a Christian education has meant to me ". . . he gave some . . . teachers . . . for the perfecting of the saints, 'til we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man**, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-13). The phrase "a perfect man" can be translated most of the time in the New Testament as "a mature man." That is a strong picture of what a Christian should be. A well-rounded, well-adjusted individual, a mature man in Christ. No longer a juvenile, ego-centric, but a Christ-centered person. A man of God, not of the weak, gregarious-back-to-God movement felt in many areas of the U. S. these days. A man who prays, not the pocket-size, canned devotion for a five-minutes-with-God-before-rushing-to-work kind of prayer, but effectual and fervent prayer that can move God.

A Christian college trains one physically (in its broad connotation), mentally and spiritually for the making of a well-rounded, and mature Christian. If any one side of man is neglected then that person will have an unbalanced personality. A mature man disciplines himself. He practices self-discipline as well as the discipline of the society in which he lives. Note what the Apostle John says on this "If ye love me keep my commandments" (John 14:15). "But who-so keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected" (1 John 2:5). In Christian education, I received a disciplining of the mind, which education essentially is. Also in my life on a Christian campus

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Mr. Cronk, who is a missionary in India, is an alumnus of Free Will Baptist Bible College, graduating with the class of 1945.

The Challenge of Christian Higher Education

By W. Burkette Raper

Mount Olive Junior College, located in Mount Olive, North Carolina, has begun its fifth collegiate year with an enrollment of more than 140 students. Sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist churches, the college will operate during the 1958-1959 school year under an approved budget of \$178,000, which from a financial viewpoint makes the college the largest enterprise of the Convention.

The growth and spirit of Mount Olive Junior College is reflected in the following quotation from an address delivered this summer by Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson to the North Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian Church. Doctor Woodson is president of the Consolidated Presbyterian College in North Carolina and was speaking as moderator of the Synod.

"On June 1, I delivered the commencement address at Mount Olive Junior College. It was a refreshing and invigorating experience. That college is in its infancy and yet expects to receive recognition by the North Carolina College Conference this fall. The college has vigor and vitality. It is owned and controlled by the Free Will Baptist Church. It is a small denomination, as you know, and not a wealthy one. Do you know how much the Free Will Baptists plan to give that college next year in current funds? One hundred and fifty thousand dollars! Pour that much consecrated giving upon any institution, and it will grow and flourish like a green bay tree. The Free Will Baptists of North Carolina are aroused. In previous years, education has not been of particular concern to them, but now it is a passion. You watch that college of theirs. It is on the move because it has behind it the thrust of a denomination which wants education and is eager and ready to pay the price."

Philosophy of Education

Mount Olive Junior College is dedicated to the task of helping to provide Christian higher education for the Free Will Baptist denomination and the community wherein it is located. To fulfill its mission, the college operates under these convictions:

1. *Mount Olive Junior College must be a Christian college*, and by a Christian college we mean one that is committed to the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. A Christian college must reflect in its aims and activities the spirit of our Lord.

The heart of any college is its faculty,

and I believe that Mount Olive Junior College is fortunate in having a competent and dedicated Christian faculty. They are persons, without exception, in whose Christian commitment and spiritual integrity I have confidence.

Our student body is a choice group of fine young men and women, many of whom come from the best homes in our denomination. Among our students, Mount Olive Junior College seeks to promote the full Christian concept of wholesome thinking, right personal conduct and just dealings with all mankind.

Bible is required in every curriculum of the college, and worship services are conducted three days each week with attendance compulsory. A full-time Free Will Baptist Church program has been organized at the

college in cooperation with the North Carolina State Mission Board with the Reverend R. P. Harris as pastor. Also, there are student-planned activities such as dormitory devotions and Missionary Prayer Band; and the pre-ministerial students have organized a fellowship for campus activities.

Each year a Spiritual Emphasis Week is held on the campus, and this year the Reverend Chester H. Pelt of Marianna, Florida, will be the main speaker.

These programs of religious activities do not guarantee that Mount Olive Junior College will be Christian; they only reveal our aspirations. We shall enter into no controversy with schools or persons who consider their spiritual attainments to be higher than ours, but pastors who wish to do so may compare our faculty with their church



This is the front campus of Mount Olive Junior College. Forty acres of land near this site have been purchased for future growth and expansion of the school.

Mr. Raper is president of Mt Olive Junior College.

officers and our students with their church rolls. We believe that Mount Olive Junior College is Christian in the same sense that a local church is Christian. The skeletons in the closets of many of our critics would make the skeletons of Mount Olive Junior College look angelic.

2. *Mount Olive Junior College believes that Christian education must be good education.* A college is basically an educational institution and thus it must excel in education. A Christian college, supported by money dedicated to God, cannot afford to be content with academic standards inferior to those of non-Christian schools. Wind is no substitute for rain.

A denomination which appreciates its youth will seek to provide the educational media through which its students can receive adequate preparation for honorable vocations. The idea that the ministry is a sacred vocation and other vocations are secular is not Christian. It is not the vocation that is sacred—it is the person who enters it. Preaching is not Christian unless the preacher is Christian; garbage collecting is Christian if the collector is Christian. We conclude that a denomination has an educational obligation to all of its youth and not simply to those who may enter certain select fields of work.

When a student turns to a college of his denomination for an education, he has a right to expect the best educational opportunities possible. A student who wishes to attend a college of his own denomination should not feel that he is sacrificing the quality of his education in so doing.

In keeping with this conviction, Mount Olive Junior College has constantly been working toward accreditation. Last November the college was approved by the North Carolina College Conference and the State Department of Education and formal accreditation is expected this fall. The college is also currently working toward regional accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and has had a preliminary visit from the executive secretary of the Association. At the time of this writing, plans are being made for a visit by a junior college specialist from the University of Texas who is expected to be on our campus before the October issue of *Contact* is released.

Accreditation is essential for Mount Olive Junior College to accomplish its objectives because our students in general seek to further their education in senior colleges. Furthermore, the 1958 session of the North Carolina State Convention unanimously approved a recommendation "that, as an act of Christian brotherhood, the Convention go on record as offering the educational services of Mount Olive Junior College to Free Will Baptists everywhere." As more students from outside North Carolina attend Mount Olive Junior College, it is mandatory that they have the assurance that credits earned

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Examining some recent additions to the library are Rev. J. C. Moye (seated), who has endowed the library; President Raper, Mrs. Mildred S. Council, librarian, and Mrs. Moye. The library has more than 5,000 approved and catalogued volumes.



Courses in natural sciences at Mount Olive Junior College include biology, zoology, and chemistry. Through the generosity of a local physician, Dr. C. C. Henderson, the science laboratory has apparatus valued at approximately \$10,000.



A small college affords a close relationship between students and faculty. At a reception in the home of President Raper (fourth from left) are (to president's left) William Tilly, Goldsboro; Keith Pittman, Lucama; Judy Foreman, Washington.



HOW TO BE

A Dynamic (young) Preacher

"Whenever I wish to enjoy the quips of a clown, I am not compelled to look for; I can laugh at myself."

—Seneca

By Robert J. Hastings

POOOR OLD PAUL! When he was giving Timothy the qualifications of a bishop, he omitted one of the most important. Particularly, since he was advising a young man. He forgot to tell Timothy to be dynamic.

For you see, in our twentieth century worship of the youth fad, the Ipana smile, and the Pat Boone personality, a young preacher just has to be dynamic. "We want a young, dynamic pastor." "We want a dynamic speaker for 'M' Night." "Let's get a dynamic preacher for our assembly this summer."

So every (young) preacher wants to know how to be dynamic. Here's how in twelve simple steps:

1. Wear your hair long and learn to shake your head with a certain emphasis that will cause your hair to fall over your right eye. Push your hair back at least six times in every sermon. Knot your tie loosely, so it will slip down and to one side, making it easy to unbutton your collar about the middle of the message.

2. Carry a freshly laundered shirt so you can change immediately after the service. Be sure to mention this publicly. You do perspire a lot. And take your topcoat into the auditorium, even in the summer. Put it on as soon as you finish speaking. Don't slip your arms through the sleeves—just drape it over the shoulders.

3. Build sermons around the text, "Let us go on." Don't bother to say where or how to get there, just tell the folks to go. This will make you a real "go-getter."

4. Use a Bible with limp binding, so you can roll it up and use it like Aaron's rod to point the way forward. Pounding on the Bible has gone out of style; the new

trend is to crumple and roll it in your hands. The gripping, convulsing action of your hands reveals latent, dynamic power in your personality.

5. Learn to express profuse appreciation. Any event at which you speak should be the most significant and far-reaching ever held. The persons who invited you are those "of whom there is none better in the land."

6. Have your picture made by a good, professional photographer. Ask him to use background lighting to produce the "halo" effect so popular with television and movie stars. Use props if you can, like holding a trumpet or handsaw in one hand standing behind a mike, or desk or posing with your family if you have as many as five children.

7. Plan your career so as to be an "Ex-Something" before you start preaching. It will help if you can be an ex-prize fighter, ex-Catholic, ex-agnostic, ex-Olympic star, ex-alcoholic, ex-night club entertainer, ex-convict, ex-lawyer, or ex-skin diver. If you have an average experience of just growing up in a Baptist church, take a three-year leave of absence and get some "background."

8. Get a doctor's degree. The two easiest ways include mail order, or getting a friend to start calling you "Doctor" in public. Those who count will catch on. The others don't matter.

9. Use the adjective "close" or "tight" when referring to your schedule. Select a flight that will necessitate your leaving just before the benediction. "Since I have to slip away to catch my plane before the benediction, there will not be time to meet all of . . ." Mention this at the start of the sermon—it's more dynamic then.

10. Build a repertoire of illustrations about the executive you just happened to sit next to on a plane. Describe him as "top-flight," "busy," and "confused." Let him be from Chicago or New York if possible. If not, then some city in the East like Boston or Schenectady. Nothing un-dynamic like Atlanta or Shreveport. Tell how many psychiatrists he had visited before you straightened him out in the last three minutes you were taxiing up to the ramp.

11. Use colored movies of your travel abroad. Colored slides used to be okay, but now it has to be movies—in color too. Mexico, Cuba, Panama, and Central America have been overworked. You'll have to go farther afield. Then there are marvelous opportunities in hi-fi background music. Use the adjective "professional" when describing your movies and music.

12. If an offering is involved, arrange to take it yourself. Then you can be sure to get ALL of it. If it is a revival, you can furnish the pastor copy for a letter to be mailed to the entire membership on Tuesday of the last week. You won't have to come out in the open and say the folks can make up for their lack of revival interest by making a worthy offering, but you can say it so they will get the point. Neat psychological trick, too. Sort of buying off God for watching television instead of listening to your dynamic sermons.

13. There are other ways to be dynamic, of course. But the first twelve easy lessons will get you a long way. The thirteenth might be unlucky, anyway, and then you would have to fall back on Paul's advice about being blameless, vigilant, sober, patient, etc. But who wants to be a cracked ceramic? Let's be dynamic, man, dynamic!

Cooperative Receipts Over \$3,000 for Month

With the beginning of the new church year October 1 it seems that a number of churches will begin supporting the Cooperative Plan for the first time. We welcome these churches to this method of support. Every dollar which is given undesignated through the Cooperative Plan is shared by all the departments of the National Association.

Receipts for September were \$3,126, about \$1,300 below the previous month. The next three months will close the fiscal year for the denomination and additional offerings are needed to meet the various budgets. Will your church send something during this quarter?

RECEIPTS

ALABAMA			
Goodwater church, Slocomb	\$ 5.00	\$	
First church, Dothan	44.27	\$	49.27
ARKANSAS			
State association			223.11
CALIFORNIA			
State association			175.91
GEORGIA			
State association			335.77
ILLINOIS			
Union church, W. Frankfort	17.85		
Oak Valley S.S., Fairfield	10.91		
Blue Point church, Rinard	54.32		
Oak Grove church, Scheller	11.90		
Pleasant Grove church, Kell	43.47		
Waltonville, Mt. Vernon	23.97		
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon	29.15		
Johnston City church	61.92		
Webb's Prairie church, Ewing	8.41		
Bethel church, So. Roxana	28.95		
Ina church, Ina	24.30		
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon	21.93		337.08
KENTUCKY			
Southside church, Paintsville			53.00
MICHIGAN			
Wolverine association			317.83
MISSOURI			
State association			452.62
NORTH CAROLINA			
Davis church, Davis			59.00
NEW MEXICO			
First church, Hobbs	64.75		
First N. M. association	3.28		68.03
OKLAHOMA			
State association			377.60
TENNESSEE			
Horton Heights, Nashville	63.63		
Wooddale church, Knoxville	28.73		
Trinity church, Nashville	200.00		
Olivet church, Clarksville	300.00		
South Side church, Memphis	25.40		617.76
TEXAS			
Bible church, Odessa			60.00
			\$3,126.98
DESIGNATED			
Illinois	15.43		
North Carolina	137.49		
Oklahoma	25.00		177.92
			\$3,304.90
DISBURSEMENTS			
Foreign Mission Dept.	994.77		
Executive Dept.	796.09		
Bible College	697.93		
Home Mission Dept.	458.37		
Sunday School Dept.	125.08		
Supernnuation	138.83		
League Dept.	93.83		\$3,304.90



Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, greets Wyman Franks, Winfield, Ala., freshman student, at a reception shortly after school opened. Jimmy Hughes, student body president, presents the new student to Dr. and Mrs. Johnson. The reception is an annual affair given in honor of the new students.

Third Honor Roll "Every Church Family" Plan

Conway church, Arkansas
Waltonville church, Illinois
New Ebenezer church, Cochran, Ga.
Oskaloosa church, Liberal, Mo.
Wilson Memorial church, Belleville, Ark.
Horse Creek church, Kingsport, Tenn.
Cherry Hill church, Limestone, Tenn.
Faith Mission, Nashville, Tenn.
Lawndale church, Calif.
Richland church, Nashville, Tenn.
Brightlight church, Bryan, Texas
First church, Concord, Calif.

Two additional churches this month now puts us 12 along the way toward the completion of the third honor roll. These two churches account for an increase of 63 in the circulation for this month. We welcome these new readers.

We are so grateful to these pastors who led their churches in adopting the Family Plan. We will send complete forms for enrolling the families in your church if you will write us.

Many pastors testify that this plan is the finest and best way to see that the members keep up with church and world-wide religious news. Besides that, you save 25 cents on every subscription. Nearly 100 churches are now using this plan. If you've been thinking about recommending it to your church, please do it this month. We need to hear from a lot of churches very soon.

Rules for Honor Roll

1. Send names and addresses (zone numbers, too, please) of all families in the church. You need 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 treasurer 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.

Fall Enrollment Sets New Record

The registration of 185 students for the fall semester at Free Will Baptist Bible College has set a new record for the number of students in any one semester, according to Dr. L. C. Johnson, president.

Beginning its 17th year, the school has registered 91 new students and 94 returnees. The student body of 185, which should go well over the 200 mark with new students the second semester, includes 98 ministerial students and 22 training under the G. I. Bill.

The students come from 19 states and two foreign countries, as follows:

North Carolina	50
Tennessee	22
Oklahoma	18
Michigan	15
Missouri	11
Texas	11
Alabama	10
Arkansas	9
California	7
Mississippi	7
Georgia	6
South Carolina	5
Virginia	4
Florida	4
Kentucky	2
Illinois	1
New Mexico	1
Pennsylvania	1
Rhode Island	1
Canada	1
Cuba	1

New Address for Sparks

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks now have a new address. Write them at
Mission Protestante Evangelique
B.P. 54
Gourmere par Bondoukou
Ivory Coast, French West Africa

Piedmont Bible Institute Shows Growth and Expansion

New Building Being Added Which Will Allow for Doubled Enrolment

PIEDMONT BIBLE INSTITUTE is one of the most recent Bible schools established among Free Will Baptists. It is located in the Piedmont Association of southwestern North Carolina, far from the centers of brotherhood activity and where the movement is relatively small and young.

The Bible Institute is in a strategic location. Divine wisdom as well as practical psychology was used in securing the site, between the two large cities of Charlotte and Gastonia, a twenty-mile boulevard separating them, the center and heart of one of the world's largest textile areas of the two Carolinas.

After a Christian Worker's Institute was sponsored by the Cramerton Free Will Baptist church and pastor, Roy Rikard, beginning on October 8, 1956 and continuing for two weeks with Leroy Forlines, director of the Extension Department of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, as instructor, a number of Christian education exponents began to work to put in reality what was approved at the last associational meeting. During the Piedmont Association, held August 3 and 4, 1956, with the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church of North Belmont, much and increased enthusiasm had been created by some of the Christian education-conscious pastors and lay members in this session when a constitution and by-laws for a school of this type had been drafted and presented by Ralph Staten, chairman of the Board of Christian Education. The said plans called for were adopted.

In addition to the two-week Christian Worker's Institute, plans were made to continue the work started. To do the work for what was required for a semester of Bible school, Owen Ganey and Ralph Staten continued the institute classes as instructors. The first semester closed, December 19, 1956. The second semester began on January 21, 1957, with a schedule which called for classes to meet one night a week for eighteen weeks. During the first two semesters there were forty-two students enrolled. The curriculum called for courses in personal soul-winning, teaching techniques, Bible doctrine, the church and its auxiliaries, Bible synthesis, speech and English. The personnel were: President, Roy Rikard; vice-president, Norman Perkins; Dean, Ralph Staten; Registrar, Mrs. Robert Parris; Librarian, Novella Propst; Treasurer, Deese Hunsucker. The faculty members were: Owen Ganey, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Staten.

The Christian Worker's Institute and the extension of that work kindled the fires of enthusiasm for more Christian training of this type. The challenge was met when the president, Roy Rikard, presented the plans to certain businessmen and church leaders

of this area. The prayers of many were now being answered.

Textile mill executives and church leaders responded generously financially. The land of the site was donated by the local mill corporations which gave most of the money to build the 30 x 60 foot structure to house the Piedmont Bible Institute. The groundbreaking ceremonies were in August of 1956, the dedicatory message was delivered by Ralph Staten, September 1, 1957. Rally day for Christian education was held on September 29, 1957, and the first exercises in the new structure began the first semester on October 7, 1957, with the same personnel of the first year.

Due to some local changes of pastorships, the faculty for that year was Walter Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Staten, James Earl Raper, Clyde Cox, and R. H. Jackson. Courses for the second year were personal evangelism, English and speech, Bible synthesis, church music, homiletics and Bible doctrine. The first semester of the second year saw thirty-four enrolled from this area of the Carolinas. Due to the industrial problem of three shifts of workers and with only night classes available, a number of prospects did not enroll.

The third year of operation was scheduled to begin with registration and assignments on October 6, morning hours 9:00-10:00 and evening hours 7:00-8:00. As a step to meet the industrial problem here of laborers in mills and other places plans have been made to have morning and evening classes. First-year students will begin classes on Monday October 13, and continue class meetings on each Monday. The second year students will begin classes on Tuesday, October 14 and continue class meetings on each Tuesday.

For the first semester, first-year students will be offered evangelism, English and speech, church music, Bible synthesis, church and auxiliaries, Old Testament survey. Second year students will be offered religious education, homiletics, missions, cults, parliamentary law. Due to some pastoral changes we have been compelled to secure new teachers for this year. Presently the faculty will be composed of Walter Carter of Rockingham, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Staten of North Belmont, Clyde Cox of Caroleen; with others to be added as needed.

Piedmont Bible Institute is preeminently

an institution for Christian education. Each day's work begins with devotional exercises, and every lesson is taught by a Christian teacher.

The Bible is believed to be the inspired word of God and the students are taught to reverence it as such and to obey its precepts. The general teachings are in accordance to the faith and practices of Free Will Baptists. The Bible is the heart of the curriculum.

The policy of the Piedmont Bible Institute requires all of its leaders, members of the board, administration and faculty included, be faithful members in our churches. That stipulation has never and shall never be changed.

The greatness of an educational institution can be measured only in terms of the scholarship, the dedication, the efficiency, and the character of its faculty. Without great teaching personalities, thoroughly trained and dedicated to a task of Christian education, regardless of the adequacy of the buildings and equipment, desirable educational outcomes cannot be attained. Therefore, bringing together of a dedicated group of Christian teachers who possess skill in teaching is our most important task. We covet your prayers in this endeavor.

Plans now call for the accommodation of twice our present enrollment. The Cramerton Free Will Baptist church is allowing extra lots for the construction of an additional building 34 x 60 feet to give more space for classrooms. Funds have been sufficiently raised to order the "go-ahead" sign. This dream should be realized by Thanksgiving.

Our Objective

Therefore, the policies, purposes, and activities of the Bible Institute are inadequately known in much of the denomination. It is the desire of the Bible Institute that all interested persons know the facts about its nature, goals, and activities. To further serve this end, it has been observed that a great service has been rendered by other brotherhoods who have established Bible Institutes throughout the country in the different states. A definite need has been realized in this area for this type of Christian training.

There was the need for one so designed to improve the effectiveness of preparation for religious service on the part of God-called servants who are not high school grad-

Mr. Staten is dean and instructor at the institute.

uates, who are called into the ministry and other forms of religious work late in life, or who, because of family responsibilities or for other reasons, are unable to pursue regular college work and training of today. Thus no minimum of previous education is required for entering this Bible Institute.

The objective of the Bible Institute primarily is to train and educate men and women, boys and girls for the rendering of a better service to the Lord Jesus Christ as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, and Christian workers. It is:

Vocational—To equip young men in so far as it is possible on the human level for an effective service and witness in the gospel ministry.

Religious—To bring them each week into a fresh experience of grace, and into a oneness with the mind and purpose of Christ.

Cultural—To bring them in contact with the great minds and personalities of the past and to acquaint them with all that is good and useful in helping others to find the better way of life.

We stand in need of a trained leadership. We are presenting the idea that a trained ministry is necessary. The need is felt more and more as the world grows more complex. We therefore propose that every device of education be used to convince our people of the importance of a trained leadership—vessels of honor prepared for the Master's use. We must enhance the idea that in our modern, stressful age other fields have far outshined the church in trained leadership. Doctors and lawyers must have high degrees before they can obtain license. Teachers who train our children are required to have college studies. How much more important is the "Father's business."

How much better should ministers be trained who deal with and discipline the souls of men!

In the Great Commission, special emphasis is given to "teach or teaching" which involves the church in obligation to make Christian education an integral part of its program. The church is not only under obligation in charity to the needy, but its calling is more than caring for the needy. The church must make such provisions to help people to prepare to use their time, means, and talent effectively and productively. The perils and the opportunities of the present challenge us more insistently than the heritage of yesterday.

We live in the age of moral confusion. Materialism and Communism defy the Christian concept of God and man. A witnessing, evangelizing, gospelizing Church is God's norm. An evangelistic passion and evangelism continue to be the great business of the church. Realizing that evangelism is an integral part of the church, the Piedmont Bible Institute attempts to fan such fires in giving the students training in practical and theoretical phases of this important area.

The first Sunday in October has been designated as the time to present the cause of the Piedmont Bible Institute to the churches of this area of the Carolinas. This objective is to seek to get the Bible Institute to occupy a pivotal position in the total program of the Church. Each pastor should preach a sermon on the importance of Christian Education. It is suggested that each church make this important emphasis in whatever way seems best in a given situation, but make the emphasis.

Let all give emphasis that we want to make a vital contribution in helping the

churches to put the kingdom of God first in training and service to our homes and communities. Let us not underestimate our possibilities and potentialities.

Our Exhortation

Let the Bible speak as an authority on the matter of Christian education. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee . . ." (Hosea 4:6).

"These things command and teach . . . Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine (teaching) . . . Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine (teaching); continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (1 Tim. 4:11, 13, 16).

"But continue in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them . . . That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3:14, 17). The office of a bishop (elder, pastor or preacher) is called a "good work" (1 Tim. 3:1; Titus 1:5-7).

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," (2 Tim. 2:15).

The Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) that the Lord gave the church when He said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . ." carries strong emphasis to a program of Christian education. It is so strong that it is implied that Christ will not always be with the Church which fails Him in a trained ministry in the propagation of His gospel.

The word "teach or teaching" implies a "teacher"; a teacher implies "pupils" and this implies, in total, a "Bible School." To "make disciples" implies learners, pupils, students, or scholars. In the Great Commission we have these divine orders. What are we doing about it? The Teacher of teachers said: "If you love me, keep my commandments."

Our Appreciation

Roy Rikard, president of the Piedmont Bible Institute of Free Will Baptists, is to be commended for his outstanding leadership in the promotion of the building of this structure and will be long remembered by his church and the Piedmont Association for the accumulation of a long list of accomplishments. In recognition of his sterling character, ripe Christian experience, fruitful ministry and long years of outstanding leadership of this area in the cause of the Lord, he is due much honor. His contribution to this cause in Christian education has made some significant advances for the Piedmont Association. His philosophy of education is a belief in the effectiveness of the small Christian Bible

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The faculty and student body of Piedmont Bible Institute gather for a picture under a picture of the founder and president, Rev. Roy Rikard. Mr. Rikard is at the extreme right on the back row. Rev. Ralph Staten, dean, is at center on second row.



Women's Auxiliary

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

By Mrs. Lester Jones . . .

All Action Is Local

"It doesn't happen unless it happens in your community" is a challenge that brings to us a new analysis of our responsibility. "All action is local" should be a part of the thinking of the Auxiliary at all times. We know that the work cannot move forward without local education and action. Perhaps we, as yet, have not fully visualized the importance of effective local programs.

Because good programs are so important let's discuss what *live* program in your auxiliary can do. Remember that you have a varied interest audience. They can't "tune you off" on the program they may be in this time, but they may not "tune in" next time. Explore and enjoy new methods of presentation. Local talent can speak to the needs of your group, therefore encourage members to participate. The specific task of the program-prayer chairman and her committee is to avail themselves of every opportunity and resource to improve the quality of the program.

First of all, a good live program will develop leadership. When the women are encouraged to participate on the program it will result in a "self-discovery" that is thrilling to behold! They will discover abilities and hidden talents that perhaps they did not know they possessed. They will receive inspiration and courage and will find their place to work in the Lord's vineyard. They will develop a more active social conscience. With strong emphasis laid upon the Christian home, our women will more fully realize that the home must be vitally Christian if the home is to progress and thus the church and the nation. Many family altars have been started because of the knowledge of the need that has been stressed in good programs.

Secondly, a good live program will broaden horizons. Through inspirational programs and study classes our women are going far beyond the confines of their own community and nation and are participating in a world-wide missionary program. They are realizing that beyond what they can see are great masses of people who are unaware of God's great love because they have never heard His gospel. They see our neighboring countries along our borders

who are longing to hear the gospel. They see other countries across the seas stooped in sin and dying without a Saviour—all these are claiming the interest and concern of our Free Will Baptist women.

Because of the enlarged vision, there has come a greater sense of consecrated stewardship. We have realized that if something is to be done about the needs of a lost world we must not depend upon the other fellow, but we must put ourselves into action. We are learning too, that it takes money to spread the gospel and this money must come through local action.

Thirdly, the Lord is raising up an army of intercessors. There are countless numbers who cannot join the front lines, but they can join this army. Significant achievement in terms of missionary concern and giving has come by the united efforts of the "intercessory army." It is so easy to forget that the Bible says, "ye have not because ye ask not."

The fellowship prayer hour each day with its united bombardment of heaven's throne has brought down blessings untold that we shall never be able to count. The blessings have been ours individually and collectively. Likewise, the weeks of prayer have drawn our hearts to Calvary until we have heard His "go ye" and have responded with our sacrificial offerings to the mission work.

In the final analysis, "all action is local" and if we are to bring to fruition our 1958-59 plan of work we must put ourselves into action in the local auxiliary.

Cronks Send Prayer Requests

When you pray remember:

1. *The 10th World Congress of Christian Youth* to be held in Madras from January 4 through 10th, 1959. Over eight hundred young people representative of all India, as well as young people from all over the world, especially southeast Asia, will attend.
2. *Our winter evangelistic efforts* when we will be visiting villages with special evan-

Women at Work

Tulsa, Okla.—Mrs. Bessie Staires was the Lewis Avenue auxiliary. The group enjoyed the program on Japan and added to of the Japanese during the meeting. its value by practicing some of the customs

Chipley, Fla.—The West Florida Liberty district convention met August 23 with Poplar Head church. Among the reports was one telling of the successful women's week at the state camp. New officers are Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, president; Mrs. Corine George, vice-president; Mrs. Oma Owen, secretary; Mrs. Vera Owens, treasurer; Mrs. Ibra Ussey, study course chairman; Mrs. Paul Long, personal service chairman; Mrs. Bertie Baxter, field worker; Mrs. Estelle Crawford, stewardship chairman; Mrs. Azeal Justice, youth chairman; Mrs. D. W. Poole, corresponding secretary. The 1959 session will be at Bonifay.

Liberal, Mo.—A district convention was organized here during the Central Western Missouri association with a membership of seven auxiliaries, six of which have been organized the past year. Mrs. Lester Jones will serve as president and Mrs. Delbert Carter as secretary.

Nashville, Tenn.—Horton Heights (formerly Palmer Memorial) auxiliary has

gelistic emphasis from November through February.

3. *Six weeks of retreats* in November and December. These are mostly for children and young people.
4. *John Mukul* who is training for the ministry at Calcutta Bible College.
5. *That souls may be won* in our new effort through our two college boys at Siliguri, a town of 80,000 people with no active gospel witness.
6. *For two new groups of Santals* who are showing friendly interest. Pray that they may be able to understand and accept the message.
7. *For our Christians* who still face three or four months of near famine conditions before the next rice harvest.
8. *For revival* in the whole church of India.
9. *For continued open doors* for the witness of the Gospel in India.
10. *For the safe return of the Hannas* early next year.

We want to express our grateful thanks to all those who pray or in any way support the Lord's cause here. Without this assurance we would soon lose courage and give up. The penetration of the gospel into the realms of the non-Christian religions is slow and like the leavening of the yeast can be hastened only by the warmth of the spirit from a closer walk with the Lord. Yours in Him,
Dan and Trula Cronk

spearheaded a project of securing supporters within the church for Mrs. Lucy Wisheart Lima's missionary support. The amount pledged will be apart from the regular co-operative giving of the church. The project was undertaken when information was obtained from the foreign mission office that her account does not have enough supporters to underwrite the rent, insurance, etc.

Bryan, Texas—Mrs. Gaston Clary, Henderson, was elected president when the Texas state convention met here recently. Other officers are Mrs. Martha Rice, vice-president; Mrs. H. Ray Berry, secretary; Mrs. Styrnes, study course chairman; Mrs. Dale Burden, stewardship-prayer chairman; Mrs. E. M. Lewis, youth chairman; Mrs. Bill Berry, personal service chairman. Mrs. Everett Hellard installed the officers.

Nashville, Tenn.—Trinity church auxiliary reports they will "designate each month a certain foreign mission field and do something special for the missionaries on that field." The treasurer's yearly report revealed a total giving of over \$600 by the members. They have received 29 new members during the year and have 56 members giving to missions and 12 new tithers.

Weleetka, Okla.—The Progressive district convention met here July 29. The theme of the program was "Being Busy Doing God's Business." Mrs. R. B. Tipton was elected president and Mrs. Lonnie DeVoult was elected secretary. Mrs. Mary Summer conducted the installation service.

Piedmont Bible

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Institute. He also believes such schools can render invaluable service to our brotherhood and the cause in general.

The faculty, as pastors and Christian workers, deserves much credit for not only existence of the Bible Institute, but for the promotion and progress. Some of our pastors are to be commended for their devotion, faith, and zeal. These exponents of Christian education have been sacrificing and laboring diligently in the effort to give progress and growth to the Bible school. They desperately need the prayers, moral support, and financial assistance of all of us. We can take heart and thank God for the progress that has been made under their leadership through their spirit of sacrifice and unselfishness.

We are also grateful for the love and prayers of our church people, their means provided for their pastors and Christian workers to attend.

We are grateful to those who have provided the funds for the construction of the buildings to house the facilities of the Bible Institute.

Let us remember it is a Free Will Baptist Institute set up to meet an emergency and need.

Mount Olive Junior College

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here will be honored back home in the college or university of their choice. Thus far, our students have been fully accepted and have maintained good scholastic ratings after transferring.

Christian education can be good education.

3. *A church-supported college must be loyal to the denomination that gives it life.* After all, a denomination supports a college because it has a heritage it wishes to preserve and pass on to future generations.

The theological position of Mount Olive Junior College is our denominational treatise which has been approved by the North Carolina State Convention. In all matters of Christian doctrine and church polity, the faculty and administration accept and perform their duties in harmony with the treatise. Naturally, this position means that we accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the interpretation of the Bible as given in the treatise.

At the same time, Mount Olive Junior College cheerfully admits students of other denominations without discrimination. Through the years, Free Will Baptist students have enjoyed the privilege of obtaining an education in the colleges of our sister churches, and now that we are developing our own educational program it would be most unChristian for us to close our doors to all except our own. We are happy that every major denomination in eastern North Carolina is represented at Mount Olive Junior College.

We believe that we can best serve our own people without becoming sectarian.

4. *Mount Olive Junior College believes that every person capable of benefiting from a college education should have that privilege.* Many of our most promising young people came from homes with financial resources so limited that education beyond high school poses an almost impossible economic barrier. The spirit of Jesus Christ

demands that a Christian college be vitally concerned at this point.

Mount Olive Junior College has approached this problem of aid to worthy and needy students through student loans, work and academic scholarships. Last year one-half of our students received financial aid in some form. The college has nine education loan funds from which deserving students may borrow, with proper endorsement, without interest during the time they are in college.

Students preparing for the ministry and who meet certain qualifications are currently given special scholarships worth \$125 per year; next year the Board of Directors has authorized that these scholarships be increased to approximately \$250, or the entire cost of tuition.

A Look Ahead

Mount Olive Junior College desires to make the greatest contribution possible to the cause of Christian higher education among Free Will Baptists. We are concerned about the fact that ninety per cent of Free Will Baptist students who go to college go outside their denomination for their education.

The Board of Directors of the college is being enlarged to include persons from outside North Carolina. Already elected to the Board are the Reverend Daniel F. Pelt, president of the Florida State Association and the Reverend Fred S. Powers, moderator of the South Carolina Conference. Representatives from other states will be added later.

The curricula of the college are being studied with a view of increasing our offerings. It is our desire to offer basic education for our students that will lead toward preparation in any honorable vocation.

The college has purchased fifty acres of land near our present location for future growth and expansion, and a master plan has been drawn for the development of the new campus.

A campaign to raise \$50,000 in operating funds is currently underway, and if this drive is successful another campaign will follow in the spring for building funds.

We believe that Mount Olive Junior College has been called into existence by God for the purpose of helping to meet the need for Christian higher education in the Free Will Baptist denomination. We call upon our people everywhere to give Mount Olive Junior College their prayerful, moral, and financial support. We believe we have a college that is worthy of your sons and daughters.

By the grace of God, we hope through Mount Olive Junior College to pass on to our children the faith and heritage of our fathers.

Christian College

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these was the social side, a disciplining of my personal life, and there was the Bible study, prayer and witnessing which were the disciplines of my spiritual life.

Yes, one of the precious gifts of God to me has been a Christian education. I close with a challenge, I believe met in our Christian schools, which is again a quote from a military man. "The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we do about peace, more about killing than we know about living."

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Barrow Renamed as Moderator of North Carolina State Convention

MIDDLESEX, N.C.—Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Lucama, was named to a second two-years as moderator when the North Carolina state convention met at the children's home on September 17-18.

In action which was expected, the delegates reaffirmed their support of the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden and expressed disapproval of action taken by the National Association backing the national Sunday School Board in its literature program. A proposal by the state mission board that they be relieved of the state quotas suggested by the national home and foreign mission boards was rejected and a mission budget was adopted which called for raising both of these amounts plus an amount for state missions. The board announced plans to name a full-time state missions director.

The convention also voted by overwhelming majority to officially extend an invitation for the National Association to hold its 1959 session in Asheville. About 500 attended the sessions. Other officers which were elected include Rev. James A. Evans, vice-president; Rev. Michael Pelt, secretary; Rev. C. H. Overman, assistant secretary, and Mr. Rom Mallard, treasurer.

Scholarship Offered By Master's Men Chapter

TULSA, Okla.—A \$100 scholarship for the freshman year at Free Will Baptist Bible College has been announced by the Master's Men Chapter of New Home church. The scholarship is for some member of the church with first consideration being given to ministerial students. Rev. N. R. Smith is pastor of the church.

New Church Organized At Mena, Arkansas

MENA, Ark.—A new Free Will Baptist church with a potential charter membership of 25 was organized here in August. Ten members formed the first membership roll in an effort led by Rev. Lewis Barker and Rev. Bob King. Mr. Barker made the initial contacts and Mr. King conducted the revival.

Rev. Bennie Fisher conducted the organizational service. The congregation is now meeting in the Legion Hall and at last report had not called a pastor. The state home mission board helped sponsor the new work.

New Durham Church Observes Randall's Death

NEW DURHAM, N.H.—The New Durham Baptist church, founded as a Free Will Baptist church by Elder Benjamin Randall

in the late 1700's, is observing the sesquicentennial of Elder Randall's death on October 19. Services will be held in the old Ridge Meeting House and a pilgrimage will be made to the grave in the afternoon. Rev. C. Vaughn Overman, who was a visitor at the National Association this year, is pastor. Greetings to the church have been sent from the National Association.

New Jersey Church Increases Attendance

ELMER, N.J.—Rev. Wilburn Massey, pastor, reports that his church is making much gain in every way. He has Saturday night preaching services as well as a full schedule on Sunday. The average attendance for all services is between 135 and 150. Rev. H. E. Willis, national home missions director, visited this church recently and reports that he was favorably impressed.

Texas Church Seeking Pastor

EL PASO, Texas—The First Free Will Baptist church of El Paso, Texas is in need of a pastor. The clerk reports an active membership of about 30. She says: "This is a field that needs to be worked. With a good, spiritual leader we feel we can really go forward for God." Anyone interested in responding to this appeal and challenge should write to Mrs. H. C. Gilchrist, 325 Buena Vista Drive, El Paso, Texas.

Tidewater League Rally Has 400 for Meeting

NORFOLK, Va.—Approximately 400 people representing eight area churches were present for the Tidewater League Rally which met September 5 at the Bethany church. Harold Critcher, vice-president, was in charge of the program. Bethany church, for the third consecutive time, won the attendance banner with 140 people present. Fairmont Park church was second with 102.

The rally recently sponsored the third annual youth camp at Camp Farrar on Virginia Beach. There were 102 campers from the area who enjoyed the week of activities. Rev. Charles Sapp, Richmond, was the chapel and vespers speaker and Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Norfolk, was the director. Many decisions for Christ were recorded during the week.

Oklahoma Minister's Conference Will Meet

TULSA, Okla.—The semi-annual meeting of the Oklahoma state minister's conference will be held November 3-4 at the

Turley church. The conference theme is "Keeping the Ordinances" and the scripture is 1 Corinthians 11:2. Speakers will be Rev. Ernest Harrison, Rev. E. E. Morris and Rev. L. A. Yandell. Mr. Harrison is president of the organization.

Mission Church Begun In University City

STILLWATER, Okla.—A mission was started here the first of September under the direction of Rev. Homer Young. Twenty-eight were present for the first Sunday school session. Stillwater is the home of Oklahoma State University. The mission is meeting at 524 West Ninth.

Fellowship Association Authorizes Camp Purchase

WEATHERFORD, Texas—The annual meeting of the Fellowship association here September 11-13 authorized the purchase of 23 acres of land near Granbury for a camp site and named Rev. M. L. Sutton as director for the 1959 session.

Associational officers are Rev. C. J. Hearron, moderator; Rev. R. O. O'Dell, assistant moderator; Rev. C. J. Turrentine, clerk-treasurer; Mrs. Naomi Stom, assistant clerk, and Rev. M. L. Sutton, parliamentarian.

Revivals

Bethany church, Norfolk, Va.; T. O. Terry, evangelist; Billy Melvin, pastor; Sept. 29-Oct. 5.

Bristow, Okla.; Homer Young, evangelist; Waldo Young, pastor; Oct. 5-.

Sunnylane church, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Homer and Waldo Young, evangelists; James Cearley, pastor; October 27-.

Ashland City, Tenn.; W. S. Mooneyham, evangelist; J. T. Hurst, pastor; Oct. 12-19.

Oak Grove church, Scheller, Ill.; W. T. Turnbough, evangelist; Paul Sulcer, pastor; Sept. 1-13.

Bear Point church, Sesser, Ill.; Glenn Rehkop, evangelist; W. T. Turnbough, pastor; Sept. 29-Oct. 12.

Pastoral Changes

John Floyd, Sr., has resigned the First church, Marion, N. C., after 13 years of ministry there. He is available for pastoral or evangelistic work.

J. M. Cobb to Red Bay, Ala. Address is P.O. Box 403, Red Bay.

G. C. Lee, Jr., to Shady Grove church, Morrisville, N.C., from Randall Memorial church, Memphis, Tenn.

Bill Jones to Bowie, Texas, from Denison, Texas.

R. G. Lane to Okmulgee, Okla., from Charleston, Ark.

Luther Burns to Mizpah church, Washington, N.C.

Thurman Pate to Bridges Chapel church, Jefferson county, Tenn.

New Interest in Education

Because of a new awakening in the necessity of education among Free Will Baptists, we feel this special Christian Education issue of *Contact* will help us see what we have done thus far and challenge us toward future planning. Three institutions are reported in this issue. Material on a fourth—the West Coast Bible Institute—sponsored by the California state convention was not available. This institute operates in the Sherwood Forest church, El Sobrante, Calif., and is meeting a need in that area.

We insist that four is not enough! There are those who say that we cannot afford more. We insist that we cannot afford *not* to have more when we realize that 90 per cent of our Free Will Baptist young people who want a higher education must seek it outside a denominational institution. We need more institutions of higher learning—liberal arts colleges, Bible institutes, a seminary—to meet the need of every young person who desires an education in a Christian college.

These new institutions must be carefully planned, strategically located, adequately financed. There is some difference of opinion as to whether they should be the enterprises of the National Association or the various states. This is relatively unimportant. Whoever does it, they should be so planned and designed in every aspect that we will realize the greatest dividends from our educational dollars. They should not spring up overnight like mushrooms only to wither the next day because we failed to count the cost.

But if someone doesn't plan for five, ten, and twenty-five years from now, will we be any nearer to them than we are today?

Dear Editor:

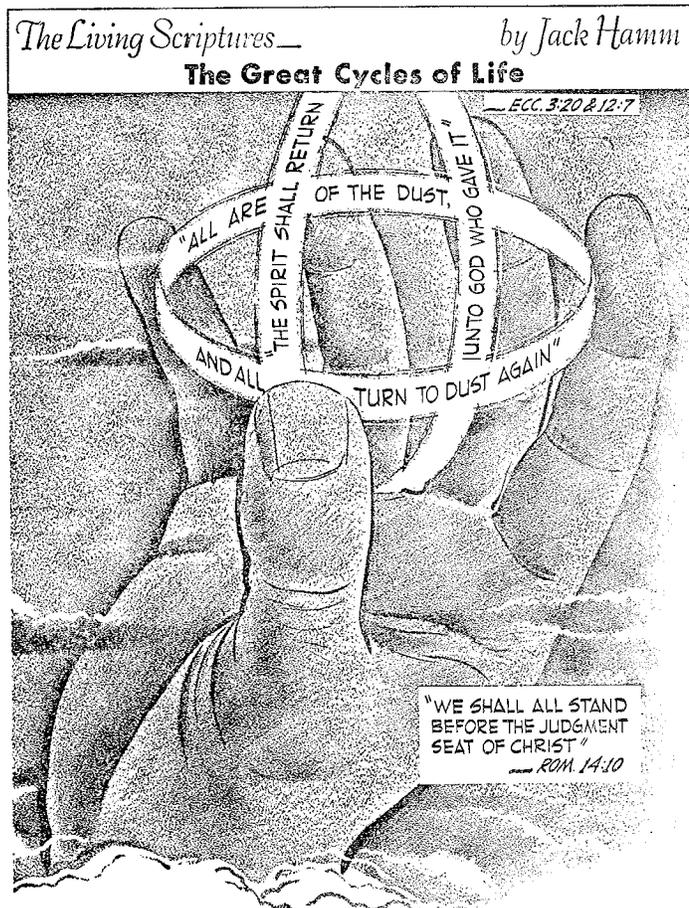
Your letter and copy of *Contact* were duly received. Thanks greatly for both. I went out to India as a missionary under the Free Will Baptist Board and served for 26 years. When the Free Will Baptists and the "Regular" Baptists united in the conduct of their home and foreign mission work, I continued my work in the mission field under the new regime.

My membership was originally in Nebraska, but since the merger I have continued with the united churches. Rev. John H. Wolfe was a lifelong friend and through him I had kept informed regarding the Free Will Baptist movement as it has developed. While loyal to the united church, I have never lost my interest in the work of the churches that did not and, in fact, could not have entered into the union.

I have made several trips by car to Florida and as far west as Nevada. I was very happy to note the number of churches along the highways labeled "Free Will Baptist." My father and mother were charter members of four Free Will Baptist churches in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. I am now 88 years old, retired and have given up preaching for the most part, but I do not turn down any opportunity to speak on India and missions.

I am happy to subscribe to *Contact*, especially as my friend and one-time pastor, Rev. John H. Wolfe, has passed on to that "better country that is heavenly" and I have had no connecting link to take his place. I cherish the hope that sometime I may have the opportunity to become better acquainted with you and the Free Will Baptist work.

Howard R. Murphy
Lewisburg, Pa.



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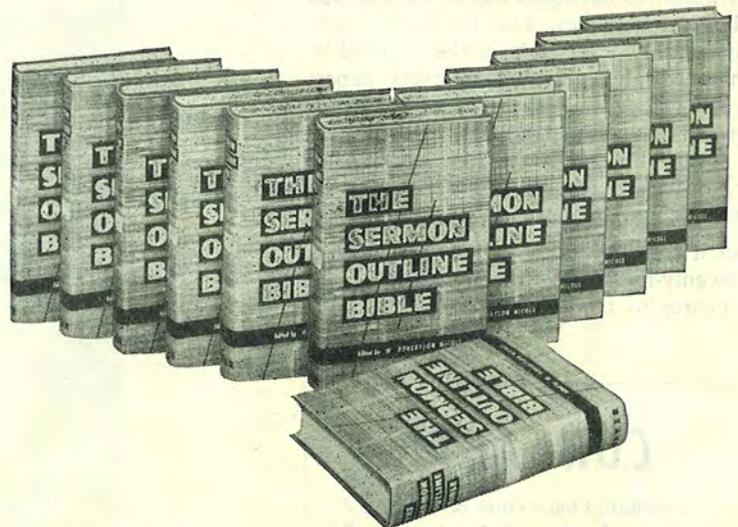
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