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Deadline This Month

This is the month in which we are to make the final payment on our property for the new headquarters building. On September 25 we must pay the final \$10,000. By the time you read these lines, there will be just a few days until this deadline.

Since our National Association in July, we have continued in our efforts to place this need before you. All human means have been utilized and we have not failed to stay on our faces before God in earnest prayer that this need might be supplied. I must confess that I have become anxious as the days and weeks slipped by and response was so slow. I have thought, "Could it be that we will be delayed in this much needed project?"

But in it all, there have been those moments of encouragement. Like the other day when the real estate agent, who worked with us on the purchase of the property, came in and quietly informed me that he wanted to have a part in our new building. Before leaving, he gave me a check. And then, today, a letter came from one of our missionaries. He stated that he had read about the need in CONTACT and wanted to have a part. Enclosed was his check for one share—\$50.00. One portion of his letter especially caught my eye. He wrote, "I feel that our people will come through even though many times they make us sweat! I pray God will open the spiritual eyes of more and more of our people as we try to do our part in a world-wide ministry."

Should we fail in meeting this goal of \$10,000 by September 25, it would not be too difficult to find some where to place the blame. One can always find an out! But what is the true cause? There is no question about the financial resources of Free Will Baptists being sufficient to care for this need. Our problem is the proper practice of stewardship. Facing the facts there would be only one answer—we just are not willing to invest our money in the things of God. We find it far too easy to invest in those things which contribute to our well being and pleasure.

As you read these lines won't you consider what part you could and should have in this? Some of you have intended to send a check and you are in a position now to write a check for \$1,000 which would be such a great help to us at this time. Others can send \$750 or \$500 or \$250 or \$100. And everyone can send something. Your gift sent now, added to the gifts of others, will help make our new building possible. In turn, our new building will mean the extension of our ministries at home and abroad. Give as God directs you. Mail your letter this week.

Don't Be Fooled

Most every pastor has had the experience at one time or another of having complete strangers come to him during the week or just at service time with some emotional packed story which he would like to share with the congregation. The impression is usually given that this is a chance of a lifetime and the reason he has come to your church, though he could have gone many other places, is due to the fact that he is familiar with your denomination or he knows Brother _____ or perhaps believes that your denomination is doing more for the cause of Christ than any other.

Without exception these individuals insist that there is no financial obligation on the part of the church, but a free will offering to assist in his ministry would be in order. Usually, if such an individual is given the opportunity to tell his story or present his work, he has a great deal to say about the offering emphasizing that it is not for himself. (Though indeed it is.) Some even go to great lengths to tell how much money they need per day, week or month to keep this ministry going and openly, without prior permission of the church or pastor, solicit pledges for future financial support. More often than not, books, magazines, Bibles and pamphlets are offered for sale, supposedly at a large discount.

Just recently there came to my attention the fact that a man by the name of Peter Varonof, Director and Treasurer of *Crusade for God and Freedom* with a Cleveland, Ohio, address had visited some of our churches in that state. He claimed that his father had organized Free Will Baptist Churches in Russia as well as in this country. Due to the alertness of some of our pastors, he was not permitted other opportunities.

It is very important that we be careful who we permit to speak in our churches. I have personally felt that it was always better to be safe than sorry. It is never a good practice to use some individual that you do not know or who does not come with reliable references. Anyone who is honest and on the level will not hesitate to clearly identify himself and the organization which he represents.

Don't be fooled!

EVOLUTION: FACT OR THEORY?

by GERALDINE HALL

OF ALL THE teachings contrary to the Scriptures which Satan uses to turn people from God, the theory of evolution is perhaps one of the most successful. Very often we hear the question, "What is happening to our young people?" An examination of the teachings in many schools will reveal the answer. When the Bible and all Christian influences are taken from them and they are taught that they came from animals and have animal natures, what can we expect? Not only are they taught that they have an animal nature, but they are also taught sex education which tends to arouse the basic elements of this nature. In addition to this, they are given instruction in dancing which places them in a position to excite these "animal" drives. I feel that these things go hand in hand, leading to the moral and spiritual destruction of our youth.

The theory of evolution (and it is a theory, not a fact, even though it is being taught as a fact) is one of the most subtle teachings of Satan, designed to deceive even the elect. Professing Christians have gone the deceptive path—doubts, skepticism, agnosticism, and eventually atheism; yet we sometimes hear such statements: "The theory of evolution is not contrary to the Bible." "Why can't we accept it?" "How do we know God did not use evolution as His means of creation?"

When these questions arise and a person begins trying to adjust the teaching of the Bible to agree with the theory of evolution, he is on dangerous ground.

God told us how He performed His creative acts. The Bible says He *created* (made out of nothing). If He had chosen to use the process of evolution, He wouldn't have "made out of nothing." He would have made out of something pre-existent.

"How far can we go in accepting the teachings of science concerning the way things came into being?" This question has come to me at different times from various individuals. We can agree with

scientists in any area only so far as they agree with the Scriptural teaching on these matters. (May I add here that *all* scientists do not teach theories contrary to the Scriptures; there are some scientists who are fine Christians, accepting God's Word as the answer for all things.) If we cannot accept without question the first chapter of Genesis, we really cannot accept any of the Bible. If the first chapter is not divinely inspired, how can we be assured that any of it is? If God did not mean what He said in the first chapter of Genesis, how do we know He meant these words; "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:15). "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

Theistic And Atheistic

Of the two main evolutionary theories—theistic and atheistic—theistic is perhaps more harmful. I am convinced that the theistic theory has done more damage than the atheistic. The atheistic theory simply disregards God and teaches that things "just happened." Any person who has had any Bible teaching at all (and many who have not) will reject this idea immediately. On the other hand, the theistic theory says: "In the beginning God . . ." and stops there. This theory says that God created the first form of life (matter), and from this form every thing else—plant, animal, and man—came through the process of evolution. Since this theory, at least, recognizes God, many professing Christians have become victims and started on the downward path of deception leading to unbelief.

There is neither time nor space to go into a thorough discussion of these teachings because there are many differences of opinion and ideas within each group. Evolutionists cannot agree among them-

selves. I want only to remind of the danger of this evil theory.

The textbooks of some of the early grades set forth the ideas and principles of evolution even though it is not referred to as such. Practically all of the high school biology books contain a whole section concerning the theory. Parents must be alert and try to counteract it with the teaching of God's Word. Sunday school teachers and preachers, or any Christian who has opportunity to give the right teaching to children and young people must be aware of the danger.

We live in an age of science-worship. We place great emphasis on the intellect. We will not accept anything which we cannot reason out or does not have a logical, scientific explanation. But we cannot place our faith and trust in the teachings of science. Science changes; God's Word does not. One day we have a report that bones have been discovered which are millions, or billions, of years old. If we allow a little time (perhaps a few years), we will have another report that it has been decided that those bones were not quite as old as previously thought. This happens time and time again. There are too many changes and too many unanswered questions which these scientific theories cannot solve.

I do not mean to discredit science or scientists *in toto*. Where science agrees with the Bible we can accept its teaching. *True* science does agree with the Bible, for one is the works of God; the other is His Word; but "science falsely so-called" (I Tim. 6:20) does not agree with the Scriptures.

We must learn to accept God's Word and interpret scientific teachings in its light rather than trying to interpret the Bible in the light of scientific teachings. "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89)."

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EDUCATION AND FREE WILL BAPTISTS

by BILL DAVIDSON

WHEN THE WORD "education" is mentioned, most Free Will Baptists are conditioned to pull their heads back into their shells and pretend that nothing was said. It is a word that seems to have a dirty connotation. This is a subject that is not very often discussed, but when it is talked about, we usually come to one conclusion—we don't know what it is, but whatever it is, we're "agin" it.

Not too long ago a minister gave a vivid illustration of the attitude of some toward education. He said that another minister was preaching and that during his message he said, "Thank God I'm ignorant. I want you to pray that He will keep me that way." The minister who gave the illustration added, "If you want to remain ignorant, you don't have to pray for God's help, you can handle that very well by yourself."

It is not my purpose to belittle our denomination or our people, but it is necessary that we be made aware of the values of education for our future pastors, teachers and leaders. Many of our ministers refuse to even study for their messages because they feel that such study quenches the Spirit. This attitude has been ground into our people for so long that we find it now almost impossible to reach some areas with the need of a good education for those who are called to preach. We fail to realize that the same Bible which says, "the Spirit will guide you into all truth," also says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be

ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The word Paul uses for "study" is a Greek word, "spoudazo." It is a very emphatic word and means to take pains, to make every effort. So then we might re-read the verse, "Make every effort to make yourself approved of God..." In any other profession—medicine, law or sports—a man makes every effort to excell. This is done through many years of diligent study and preparation. All these professions deal with the temporal things of life and yet are considered vital enough to demand education and preparation. As Christians and, more particularly as ministers, we are dealing with the eternal souls of men but we do not seem to deem our profession important enough to make study necessary. God's Word is rather emphatic, "Make every effort to make yourselves approved of God..." The purpose of such effort is described in the closing phrase of the same verse. We make such effort so that we might be capable of "...rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Problem

It is true that part of our problem has been dealt with. Today we have the Bible College in Nashville and though we have not made all areas of our denomination aware of its worth, we are making strides in that direction. We are thankful for the Bible College and are proud of it. The Bible

College has a special task and it is fulfilling that task well. However, I believe that our failure as a denomination is centered in our educational program on the graduate level. It is at this level that we need to be awakened and concerned. It would seem that there are two areas which need to be considered as we discuss this problem.

In recent months, the question has been raised as to whether too much education might hinder our over-all denominational program. There is a fear that if we demand graduate degrees of all our ordained ministers we will not be able to reach the working class of people. May I say now that I do not advocate graduate degrees at the present time as a prerequisite for ordination. It is neither necessary nor practical. However, it is just as impractical to refuse to train any of our young men because we fear we would not be able to reach the working class. In the first place, the mark of an educated man is the fact that he can reach all classes of people. True education makes a man capable of dealing with people with varied backgrounds. Such an education should not only make it possible for a person to reach other classes of people, but should also better equip him to reach the working class. A person without education might easily get by in a small, isolated church but in other churches people will not only expect him to speak the Queen's English adequately, but will also demand and deserve a working knowledge of God's Word. A man who denies the value

of an education, limits what he can do himself, and what God can do through him. It is only logical that our men should be able to adequately fill any pulpit in our denomination.

It's high time that we realized that the Free Will Baptist denomination is not limited to unlearned individuals who have to have someone of their own calibre to reach them. We have doctors, lawyers, judges and some very intelligent non-professional laymen who think for themselves and demand a minister who knows the Word of God. When one Free Will Baptist Church made plans to move into a fairly well-to-do community, its people were considered foolish. It was said that Free Will Baptists could not reach that particular community. They were reached and precious souls were won to Christ. If we can't reach all classes of people, then there is something drastically wrong with us as a Christian organization.

God gave us a mind to use. He expects us to develop it and to make every effort to improve it. If we gain knowledge by our own effort with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, then God will give us wisdom to use that knowledge well. The more we know about God's Word the better He can use it through us.

The Problem of Liberal Seminaries

Is it true that many of the once conservative seminaries are now becoming liberal in their theology. It is necessary that a young man be very careful as he chooses a place for graduate study. It is easy to understand that time would be wasted in a liberal school. It is even possible that in such an institution our young men might be harmed rather than helped. But here again we have gone off the deep end. Because some schools have become liberal, we tend to brand all graduate theological schools as nests of heresy. This is not true. There are still some good, solid, conservative institutions where Free Will Baptists can attend and gain a priceless education which would be an advantage to them in their work for Christ and an advantage for the denomination as they use their education to further God's kingdom through our denomination.

The trend toward liberalism in the seminaries of America should not make us throw up our hands in defeat, but should rather challenge us to prepare qualified young people as quickly as possible, so that we might soon have our own seminary. Such a seminary would be controlled by Free Will Baptists and its doctrinal stand could be kept pure because it would be determined by the doctrinal stand of our denomination.

Please note that no attempt is made here to set up any plans or programs for a Free Will Baptist Seminary. This is not the purpose of the article. Such plans will be left to those more qualified to do the job.

The writer is not interested in by-passing those men who have set up and labored with our present day educational program. This article is rather concerned with the problem of making our people aware of the need for education within our denomination.

Several years ago, when the National Association met in Fresno, California, a committee was set up to consider the possibilities of a seminary for the denomination. The report of the committee was published in *Contact* and the immediate needs for such an endeavor were listed. Most of our people stopped reading when they saw that an initial \$100,000 was needed to get things started. This is nothing new. We've always had money problems and have always overcome them. When plans were made for the Bible College in Nashville, we declared that we could not possibly raise enough money to send a handful of students through two years of school. It was done and now the Bible College handles well over 200 students on a four-year basis. There are still financial problems to be sure, but God continues to supply. Free Will Baptists have proven down through the years that they can do pretty much what they desire when it comes to finances.

All this is said to prove that money is not the big problem. The problem is of much greater magnitude. In order to begin an accredited seminary, we needed ten men with accredited doctor's degrees. This seems quite tragic. In a denomination boasting 225,000 people, there could not be found ten men qualified to pioneer a graduate school. However, there is something more tragic than this because the same survey revealed that only six persons were then in graduate school preparing for later availability to the denomination. Today, several years after the survey was made, our problem remains the same. It would still be extremely difficult to find more than six Free Will Baptists in graduate school preparing for our denomination's educational future.

It bears repeating, that the liberal trend in the world today should challenge us as Free Will Baptists to encourage graduate training facilities for our young people which can be controlled and regulated by our own denomination. The first step in achieving this goal is to begin now while there is yet time to train certain qualified young people for later use in our own graduate educational program.

What Can Be Done?

It would not be like Free Will Baptists to say that this thing is impossible and then refuse to consider it further. There are some remedies and they are worthy of consideration.

One thing that has always hurt our educational program is the lack of interest which is shown by our local churches toward education. We have failed miserably

in helping our young ministerial aspirants in the college and graduate years. It's nice to have "College Day" in the church and let the budding minister preach for the people, but this is certainly not enough. The young people need encouragement, they need prayer and they many times have financial burdens which become so intense that their progress in school is stunted. You say, "God sent them, He will take care of them." It is very true, God will supply their needs, but He doesn't do it by dropping a bag of money from heaven. He touches your heart and supplies the need through you. Our local churches can help tremendously in the educational program of our denomination by being concerned about their own young people who are away at school. Search your own heart, how long has it been since you remembered in prayer the young man or young lady in your church who is now in training for the Lord's work?

Another part of the remedy lies in the Bible College. The Bible College in Nashville is the channel through which most of our young people receive their training for the ministry. This is as it should be. However, there is another area in which the Bible College can render a valuable service to our denomination. It is here that capabilities are recognized. It is here that students become more aware of what God wants them to do in His service. The college is in a position to recognize those who are capable of doing graduate work. This can be determined as early as the sophomore year and it is at this point that the college officials could begin to encourage and direct these students toward the proper graduate schools.

Why The Concern?

Now the question arises, "Why the sudden concern about education anyway? We are getting along just fine as we are."

We are a growing denomination and we are constantly in need of well-trained, well-qualified leaders. I believe that we can trace every great disaster in our history right back to the fact that we were caught without leaders. Even now there is a desperate need across our denomination for men who are called of God to preach and who will pay the price to prepare themselves. Should Jesus tarry our need will increase manyfold. To meet the challenge and opportunities of tomorrow we must act today. The preparation and training of our future pastors and leaders is a matter of utmost urgency.

God says in essence, "Do it right or not at all." Make every effort, strain at it, work at it, to make yourselves approved of God. We have been given the great task of reaching a lost and dying world with the gospel of Christ. Let us prepare ourselves as a denomination for the task ahead.

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Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

National Sunday School Week

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Sunday Schools of America will join together September 29-October 6 in observance of National Sunday School Week, sponsored by the National Sunday School Association, Chicago, Illinois. Mayor Richard Batterson of Denver, Colorado, stated recently, "If we are to preserve our freedom and our religious heritage, each of us must accept the responsibility to attend regularly the Sunday School, church, or synagogue of our choice and urge every American, young or old, to follow that example."

Governor Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon has said, "I believe the Sunday School is the greatest agency for reaching and training children and youth the world has ever known."

Dr. Clate A. Risley, Executive Secretary of the National Sunday School Association, reports that the theme of 1963 National Sunday School Week is "For Times Like These . . . Exalt Christ." According to Dr. Risley, thousands of Sunday Schools will cooperate in the nation-wide week-long Sunday School emphasis.

Successful Graham Crusade

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—In Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Billy Graham and the Team that has accompanied him to five continents witnessed to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ with the same uncompromising firmness of martyrs.

Some responded by committing their lives to Christ. Some turned away with a shrug of their shoulders. Many thought the price of forgiveness, peace and eternal life too high.

The turnstiles at Memorial Coliseum recorded an attendance of 38,708 at the opening service on Thursday night, August 15 and 31,254 on the next night. Signed cards showed that 1514 persons responded to Dr. Graham's invitation at the opening service, while 1154 were listed as inquirers on the second night.

Special Motorcycle Developed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—Missionaries working in remote mountain areas may be interested in a newly developed motorcycle for use in roadless areas. Called the "Trailbreaker," this new machine with its oversized wheels is reputed to be able to go anywhere a man can walk. It features a powerful ten horsepower motor with an aircraft-type carburetor for high altitude use and can carry enough fuel for 40 hours of operation by using the hollow wheel drums as gas storage tanks. It was originally designed for the use of hunters and sportsmen.

Missionary Medicine Convention

WHEATON, ILL. (MNS)—"Redeemed Men Redeeming Society" is the theme of an International Convention on Missionary Medicine to be held December 27-30 on the Wheaton College campus here. Sponsored by the Christian Medical Society, the convention will offer a challenging program of vital interest to medical students, nurses and graduate doctors who are prospective candidates for the mission field.

Featured during the convention will be a Missionary Health Workshop, exhibits by mission boards, and scientific exhibits.

Bible is Best Seller

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Bible is still a runaway best-seller a survey of publishers exhibiting at a Christian booksellers convention here shows. While the King James Version outsells all others by far—eight to two, according to one Bible publisher—newer translations are having good success.

One of the newest Bible translations which has been well received is the New English Bible, published two years ago jointly by Oxford and Cambridge Presses, which has sold about two million copies in the United States. Publishers also report good sales of the Revised Standard Version, first published 11 years ago.

Gideons Continue Distribution

DENVER, COLO. (CNS)—Jacob Stam of Paterson, N. J., president of Gideons International, in his annual report to the organization, declared that "the June 1963 Supreme Court decisions have not ruled specifically against our form of voluntary placements, but only against compulsory Bible reading and prayer, prescribed by law."

He added that "the attitude of school boards in view of the recent Supreme Court decisions may make a substantial difference in our program."

The Gideons now have some 20,000 members around the world, with 12,000 of them in the United States. Voluntary contributions to the work last year resulted in about \$1 million income from church meetings.

NAE Week Announced

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—Plans for NAE WEEK were announced here by W. Stanley Mooneyham, Director of Information for the National Association of Evangelicals, to be held in churches across the nation beginning October 20 and culminating with a special observance of Reformation Sunday, October 27.

Church bulletins and information folders are provided by the Association to churches which schedule the week for special emphasis on the work of the 43-denomination association with its 21 affiliated organizations and commissions active in the total world-wide church service.

Special Scripture Publication

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The first in a new series of Scripture publications designed to attract those who have not previously been interested in the Bible has been announced by the American Bible Society.

Dramatically illustrated with pictures of life in a modern city, the first volume is called "One Way for Modern Man." It presents the Gospel of John in the contemporary language of the J. B. Phillips translation.

The new publication is part of the program called "God's Word for a New Age", which is intended to emphasize the pertinence of the message of the Bible to contemporary peoples. Consequently, modern type, modern pictures and a modern translation have been employed.

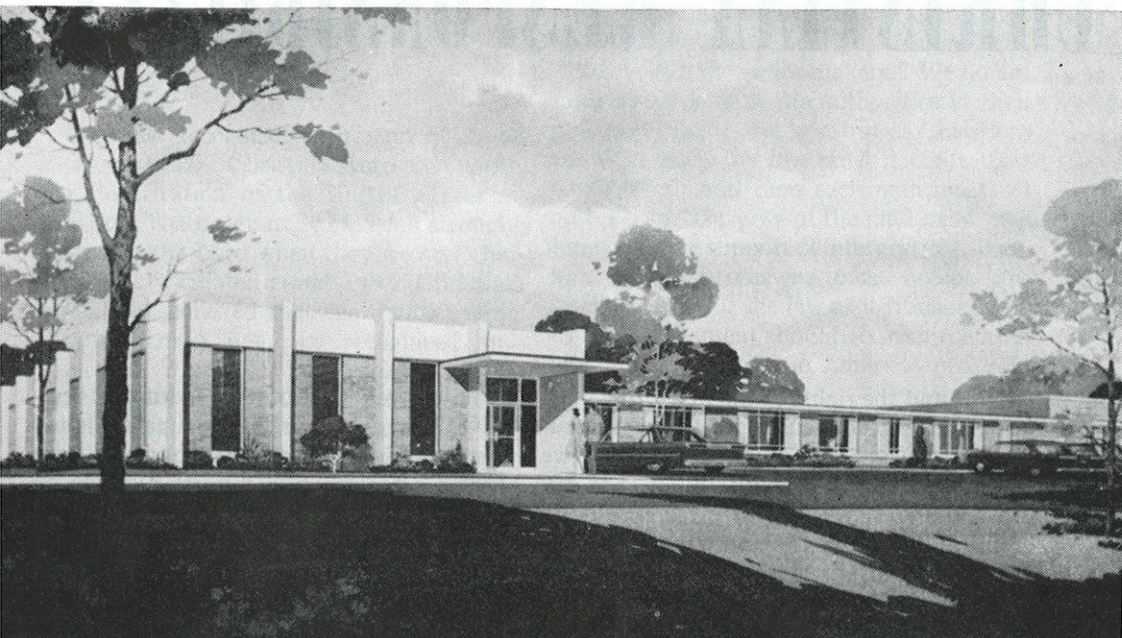
Mission Executives Retreat

WINONA LAKE, IND. (MNS)—The first Mission Executives Retreat to be jointly sponsored by the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association will be held here September 30 to October 3, 1963.

The Retreat will be attended by representatives of the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Associations.

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RACE AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

WHAT IS THE Christian's responsibility during these days of racial tension both in the North and South, but particularly in the South? This is a question that every Christian should ask himself because the Christian cannot bury his head like an ostrich and pretend he does not see his responsibilities. Neither can he delve into the midst of the uproar without some sound judgment on his part motivated by the Spirit of God. We cannot align ourselves with tradition be it Southern or otherwise; neither can we run with the political pressures of our day. There was a time when Free Will Baptists of the South did not have to express themselves or take a definite stand on the racial issue, but the lines are drawn so definitely now that each individual must, under God, decide what is best for humanity and the cause of Christ. It is a time when all should "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." It is not a matter of what is best for me or what is best for my church, but what is best for each citizen be he red, yellow, black or white.

Too long prejudice and tradition have kept many Christians from taking a thorough examination of themselves. Too many have been content to express what grandpa or dad had to say on the subject, never taking time to study out for themselves a reasonable opinion. We, as Free Will Baptists, believe so strongly in the "free will" of man that we rebel at the very thought of anything being forced upon us. We have heard shouted from the political stump in every campaign the rights of the

States and the rights of the individual until we have become accustomed to our particular way of life. This is not to say that we have been right or wrong, but it is to say that these things certainly have made it difficult for many to accept the inevitable change which is certain to come. Whether we agree with the Federal Government in its present attitude does not alter the fact that we are still held accountable for our actions in this respect. We cannot hold to the views of the politicians or anyone else who may be willing to forget their duties just to preserve a way of life which has been questionable from the beginning.

Party To Wars

As a boy in North Carolina, I was party to "wars" against the colored people in the different towns where we lived. We would march into the colored section of town waving a homemade banner shouting out insulting names as we paraded through. To my knowledge no effort was ever put forth on the part of the authorities to stop such conduct. We would strike and then draw back into the white section to relive our "moments of glory in battle." My parents did not approve of such action, but they did not always know. My mind was warped by tradition and prejudice until one night I went to Calvary. It was there that I met the Creator of all men. Then and only then did my thoughts begin to change about other races. Sure, through the years there were

some colored people who endeared themselves to me, but on the most part I hated them until my personal experience with Jesus. After meeting Christ, I began to grow on the "sincere milk of the Word." Many years have passed since our first encounter and with each year has come a steady growth in grace. Today I can say with Paul, "When I became a man I put away childish things." The prejudice of my youth was childish, so it too had to go. Now in spiritual manhood I have some Christian responsibilities even in this racially disturbed nation of ours. God is giving the church the opportunity to put its best foot forward. What will we as Free Will Baptists do?

We must remember that we are our brother's keeper (Genesis 4:9-10). When Cain slew Abel his blood cried out from the ground unto God. It was then that God questioned Cain about his brother. Cain would have dodged the issue for he then asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" It seems to me that Cain's question was never fully answered until Christ told the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37. It was not by coincidence that Christ used the Samaritan (half-breed) in this parable. He was talking to some strict Jews about eternal life when He injected a Samaritan into the story. Notice that the conversation began when a scribe asked, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life." It continues when Christ asked what is written and received as an answer, "Thou shalt love the Lord . . . and thy neighbour as thyself."

Of course, the man wanted to justify himself, so he asked "who is my neighbour?" for Christ had told the man that he had answered correctly and that if he would do that which was written he would live (have spiritual life). Christ then told the story of the Good Samaritan that He might point out that everyone is our neighbour (brother) and should have our tenderest care. Christ commanded the scribe to do as the Samaritan had done. Here is a case of one race realizing its responsibility to another in a time of great need. May we in this hour of need arise ready for the occasion to do even as the Samaritan for those who would require our help.

Rights Of All

We must recognize the human rights of all (Acts 17:26). Christian statesmen wrote the Constitution of the United States of America. These men must have felt strongly moved of the Lord when they wrote, "that all men are created equal." Our Christian forefathers believed that the human rights of every man must be recognized and respected. We cannot afford to do any less in our day. It is true that the circumstance of yesterday will not compare with the conditions of today, but remember that God's people in every age have been supplied with sufficient grace to meet the challenge of their day. If we will dare to arise and proclaim equal human rights for all, God will supply us with the grace and power to carry on. Sometimes those of us who pride ourselves in the fact that we are white forget that it was a man of another race who died that we might live. There was a time when the Gentiles were the outcast, but thanks be unto Christ who broke down the middle wall of partition. Christ recognized the human rights of all. Christ, being a Jew, did not fail to see and meet the need of the Syrophenician woman. Christ lived what he preached. Here was a woman who desired help. Though she was of another race she needed the power of Christ. Christ did not shun His responsibility, but saw her faith rather than her face.

I have said in times past that Philip could not see the eunuch's face for grace and could not see his skin for his sin. This would be a very good Christian policy for us to foster during these race tension days.

We must submit ourselves to the governmental authorities (Romans 13:1-3). In this scripture we read, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a

terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." Also in Romans 13:5 we are instructed, "wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake."

I personally cannot agree with the action of the federal government in our present racial strife. The government has in effect made outlaws of segments of the colored race in America. Many have no respect for local or state authorities. The marches, strikes, mass demonstrations, and riots which are backed by the federal government certainly cannot be accepted or appreciated by the genuine Christian. Christ said, "Blessed are the peace makers." We do not have to agree with the authorities in their interpretation of the law, but as Christians we must obey the law until it contradicts God's Word and then each man must act on his own. The laws of the land have been interpreted in support of intergration; therefore, as Christians we must accept this interpretation of the law as it reaches down to us. Government should go from the local level up (it once did in America) not from

by Wade Jernigan

the highest level down. The racial problems should be settled at the local and state levels, but since these levels have been ignored by the central government then we must abide by the federal laws on the issue. Christians cannot be party to civil strife until Christian liberties are threatened.

Love To All

We must possess, maintain, and express Christian love to all. The love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost is not something that we can turn on and off like a switch. When an individual is saved he comes into possession of the love of God. God's love does not have "respect of persons." When all others around us are being swept along with the political pressures and tides, hating as they go, we must still possess that love which keeps on loving regardless of the circumstances. It is difficult sometimes to maintain the love which we possessed at Calvary through Christ, but we must remember that Christ loved his enemies even unto the end and was more concerned about the multitudes at the cross than he was about Himself.

Love is something that must be cultivated. To neglect love is to bring your life into a tragic situation from which there is almost no return. In these times we had better be on guard lest our love for all mankind wanes and we forget to maintain that which keeps us in right relationship with Christ and our fellow man.

Every child of God possesses the love of God, but sometimes the expression of that love toward all in equality seems to prove a problem. Because of tradition, custom and prejudice we find it difficult to really express our love to all mankind. When these things present themselves, let us remember that it was not a white man who died for us. Christ was not of the Caucasian race but was of the Semitic. If Christ had been possessed with the same biased opinion of so many today there would have been no redemption provided for us. We would do well to keep this in mind during these race tension filled days.

The commission of the church is to all the world, all nations, among all nations, uttermost part, and to every creature. During the past few years many missionaries have been willing to brave dangers in racially torn nations overseas that they might proclaim the Gospel to the heathen, but we have seemingly been content to let cults, religions, political parties, unions, and pressure groups gain control among the masses of the negroes. We have cried during a passionate plea of a missionary in a missionary service as we caught a new vision of our responsibility to all mankind, but even then we refused to aid our fellow "black man" next door. It is time that we realized anew that the field is the world. The southland has a serious problem, but not one too great for Christ and His Church. If we would rise up in brotherly love and shout once again the true Gospel of Christ the results would be very rewarding. The negro will respond to the Gospel and will conduct himself according to Christian principles when genuinely converted. I am not guessing here because I was born and reared in Dixie. I know the colored people as well as anyone. Some real saints among them have held my hands up ever since I started preaching. With tears in their eyes, they have promised me their prayers. If only we had the mind of Christ, a revival could sweep the South that would bring all of our responsibilities into focus, even those that relate to people of other races. Let's seek the mind of Christ. ■■

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WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

by Louis H. Moulton



Your questions for use in this column are invited. All questions not answered in the column will be answered personally. Send your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, 8 Richmond Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

QUESTION: *Just now it seems the race question is the outstanding question everywhere. Since I teach an adult class in Sunday school, I would appreciate any help you can give me.*

ANSWER: I Corinthians 15:39 says: "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds." Now segregation is seen in various classes of beasts, fishes, and birds as well as men. Let me inject here that the answers given in this column do not necessarily reflect the feelings, beliefs and attitudes of the editor of this magazine, but are my own. Now until all biological segregated barriers have been broken down in beast flesh so that all beasts become one hybrid beast, with the characteristics of the lion and the lamb merged, with the characteristics of the bull dog and the pussy cat merged, with the characteristics of the skunk and the mouse and the crocodile merged, then let us admit that there certainly is a principle of segregated origin in beast life.

Then again in the flesh of fish the same principle exists. As long as the catfish maintains its own identity, as long as bream bed together, as long as the bass swallows up the perch and the shark attacks and eats nearly every other kind of fish, until all biological segregated barriers are broken down so that all fish become one hybrid fish with scales, fins, habits of feeding, bedding, traveling in schools, etc., we must recognize the principle of segregation of Divine origin in the realm of fish life.

The same is true of fowl flesh. Until these barriers are broken down in fowl flesh so that all fowls and birds mix, mingle and cross breed until they all look alike, eat the same food, sing the same song, have feathers and habits alike, the principle must be recognized that there is segregation of Divine origin.

It would be gross ignorance to deny that such segregation exists in the realm of beast, fish, and bird flesh. I have several different kinds of fish in my aquarium. Like attracts like and they do not cross breed. My parakeet will not accept my minor bird and vice-versa.

In Acts 17:26, in addition to the statement of God having "made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," it also says that He "hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." Job opportunities, schooling, right to vote and many other things should belong to every man regardless of color or race according to one's personal initiative, training and preparation. But to contend that the human race can be merged into one mongrel race of people with dispositions, temperaments, habits of living, all identical is about as absurd as merging the flesh of all fish, or all beasts into one.

Brotherhood by bayonet simply will not work. Neither can it be legislated by the government. As Christians, we love the souls of the black, red, yellow and white man. When one is saved, the race lines are not abolished. There are certain God-given distinctions, peculiarities and features which belong to individual races.

Where Are The Signs?

by RICHARD CORDELL

FEW THINGS are more discouraging for the Free Will Baptist family on vacation than not being able to locate one of our churches in areas where they are known to be at service time.

Just before leaving on vacation a recently converted family consulted with their pastor regarding the possibilities of attending services in Free Will Baptist Churches along their route. The pastor knowing that Free Will Baptist Churches were in various communities and cities along the way, assured this young family that there would be no difficulties in finding one.

What our good pastor did not know is that many of our Free Will Baptist Churches are not near the fast moving inter-state and state highways. It was the first week-end of our friends' vacation as they converged on a town known to have three Free Will Baptist Churches. The search began early on Sunday morning, but ended in our friends attending another Baptist church. The reason? They could not find a sign or marker of any sort giving directions to the local Free Will Baptist Churches.

This is a common problem across our denomination. The only real remedy is for all churches to make it their responsibility to see that their church is easy to locate. Here are three ways our churches can help.

1. Where there are several churches in an area or town, a joint program may be best. Erect a large sign (billboard type) near each entrance to your town or area. State clearly and briefly the names of your churches and their exact location, using street and road names if possible. Give a large space for the word "Welcome."

2. If you are the only church in your location and the above would seem too expensive for your congregation, you may secure ready made signs from the Free Will Baptist Bookstore, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, 37205. Have a local sign painter fill in your location and put one at each entrance to your town.

3. For the rural church, signs offer your greatest prospect for attracting visitors. Place them at the exit off the highway leading to your church and then along the way marking clearly the route to your church.

Whether your church cooperates in a joint effort or not, be sure to have your own individual signs pointing clearly to the Free Will Baptist Church in your community. ■■

1963 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

JULY 1963

COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	July 1963	Year to Date	Total to Date 1962	Designated July 1963
Alabama	\$ 402.07	\$1,037.32	\$ 698.40	
Arizona			25.00	
Arkansas		1,127.24	1,501.11	
California	506.01	4,639.47	3,497.74	
Florida		561.13	1,118.79	
Georgia	111.04	1,084.66	1,337.59	
Illinois	551.40	3,191.63	2,510.78	
Indiana		264.44	536.46	
Iowa	82.58	420.28		
Kansas		1,190.06	1,230.62	
Kentucky	50.00	101.85	35.00	
Missouri	1,220.26	7,005.86	6,925.04	
New Hampshire		145.61		
New Mexico	30.70	404.56	524.88	
North Carolina		1,456.75	1,268.08	
Ohio	85.62	415.84	598.62	
Oklahoma	801.74	6,793.66	5,918.16	87.50
Tennessee	234.43	2,079.72	1,400.71	
Texas	331.38	1,914.07	2,282.64	
Virginia		1,413.59	2,086.24	
Washington		50.00	94.11	

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	COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS		DESIGNATED		Total Receipts to Date
	July 1963	Year to Date	July 1963	Year to Date	
Foreign Missions	\$1,278.11	\$10,196.51		\$1,590.75	\$11,787.26
F.W.B. Bible College	925.51	7,436.16		60.00	7,496.16
Executive Department	881.46	7,082.06			7,082.06
Home Missions	705.16	5,625.70		779.31	6,405.01
League Board	440.72	3,541.09	1.00	24.00	3,565.09
Superannuation Board	132.21	1,062.27		15.00	1,077.27
Stewardship Commission	44.06	353.95			353.95
Home for Children, Tenn.				31.00	31.00
Home for Children, S. C.				16.72	16.72
New Headquarters Building			86.50	234.50	234.50

A FORWARD STEP

by Samuel Johnson

A HELPFUL GUIDE for each leader and sponsor in the league is available for fourth quarter. We feel that the addition of the leader's guides is the most progressive forward stride taken by the National League Board since the initial launching of the national literature program in 1962. Those who have been privileged to see advance copies have expressed approval and commendation.

For over a year we have had leader's guides for the Story Hour, Beginner, and Primary leagues. Each of these have been improved in order to compare with the quality and appearance of the newer ones. The guide for the general director first appeared in third quarter of this year. It, too, has been improved and will be of even greater help to the general director in this next quarter. Including new and old there is now a total of eight guides designed to help meet the needs of leaders and sponsors in the Free Will Baptist leagues.

These guides will provide the most exhaustive helps ever offered to the league leader. The largest section in each guide provides extensive helps and suggestions for getting the most out of each weekly program. The leader can select from several suggestions and ideas in order to meet the needs of his group. In addition to the program boosters, there are articles describing the characteristics of each age group and suggestions are given for meeting these needs. Several pages are devoted to sword drills, playlets, quizzes, socials, publicity ideas, and organizational tips. Each guide is designed to provide the type of help needed according to the needs and interests of the particular league group.

The leader's guides, each attractively bound with plastic ring bindings, will be produced quarterly to correspond with the regular program material. A variety of additional helps will be included in each new publication. A wise leader will file old copies for later reference and in a short while build a valuable library of program helps. The leader's guides replace our monthly publication, *The Pointer*.

Sample sheets of the leader's guides are available and will be sent upon request. Write to the national league office for samples and further information. ■■

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES



Wins YPA Declamation Contest

SMITHFIELD, N. C.—Jimmie Ferrell, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ferrell of Smithfield, North Carolina, won first place in the YPA declamation contest sponsored by WNAC held in Detroit, Michigan in July. Jimmie went to the national contest after winning the state contest in Rockingham, North Carolina. He is an active member of West Calvary Free Will Baptist Church and is a licensed Free Will Baptist preacher. His pastor is Rev. Wingate A. Hansley and YPA leader is Mrs. Tom Jones. He enters Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville this month.

Judge Declares Nonsuit

DURHAM, N. C.—The three-week long trial to determine the true congregation of Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church came to an abrupt end August 22 when Superior Court Judge James F. Latham declared a nonsuit.

When the jury conceded at 10:23 a.m. that it had not arrived at a verdict in either

of two issues involved, Judge Latham removed one juror and allowed motion to throw the case out.

Orders were then signed dissolving restraining orders against Rev. Ronald Creech and the James A. Miles Faction, and returning the once banned and restricted minister to the pulpit of this church.

In chambers, defense lawyer Eugene Boyce of Raleigh and the Rev. Mr. Creech assured the court that the doors of Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church would be open to all members and former members, regardless of any part they had played in the litigation up unto this time. Creech expressed confidence that the Board of

Deacons would extend the hand of fellowship to any and all of those who wish to attend the services.

When asked for comment about this decision, Creech made the following statement. "I'm mighty thankful to the Lord for His grace, to my church people who have stood so firm for so long, and for the many sympathetic and understanding friends in Durham and elsewhere during this most unfortunate and uncalled for experience. We are extremely glad that it turned out the way it did."

Rev. Milton Johnson, moderator of the Western Conference and key witness for the plaintiffs, offered no statement.

Asked to comment on the controversy, Judge Latham said: "I was much impressed by the sincerity of purpose of all persons connected with the trial, the litigants themselves, their attorneys, members and former members of Edgemont Church who were present during the course of this trial. There was no outburst or demonstration when the decision was given."

The two issues before the jury were these: 1. "Were the conditions, circumstances and activities within the congregation of the Edgemont Church in 1960 and until January 18, 1961, such as to justify and invoke the exercise of the authority and jurisdiction of the Western Conference to decide between factions on the church?" 2. "Was the Miles Faction given reasonable notice of the nature of the charges against it, the general identity of its accusers, and opportunity to be heard in its defense?"

It is not known at this time if the plaintiffs will appeal to the State Supreme Court.

VBS Reports

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Free Will Baptist Church of Hobbs, New Mexico, recently enrolled 117 in their annual Bible school. There were 10 conversions and two rededications. The total offerings of \$68.18 were sent to the National Home Missions Board for property in Hawaii.

The Manchester Free Will Baptist Church also reports a successful VBS. The children set a goal to cover a map of Canada with money. A total of \$37.50 was raised for the Gerald Owens account. Mr. Owens is a student missionary now serving in Canada.



Pictured here is a portion of the congregation involved in the organization of a new Free Will Baptist Church in Decatur, Illinois. Rev. Wallace Malone is pastor.



L. C. Pinson

Pinson Dies in Texas

CARLSBAD, N. M.—Rev. Lester Pinson, 46, minister of the Faith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church here, passed away with a heart attack while conducting a revival in Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Pinson had preached eight nights of the 10 night meeting. The Free Will Baptist Church of Hobbs, New Mexico was reopened under the direction of Mr. Pinson. He was instrumental in organizing the New Mexico Association of Free Will Baptists. Mr. Pinson is survived by his wife and two children.

Successful Revival

RUSSELLVILLE, ALA.—The Free Will Baptist Church here reports a successful revival with Rev. Douglas Roberson. There were four first time decisions, two rededications and about 95 percent of the church revived. Rev. Milton Gann is the pastor.

Wheels For Deeds

POCAHONTA, ARK.—The Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention has given \$2,200.00 during the past ten months to the "Wheels for Deeds" campaign. The project of providing an automobile for the Deeds family was adopted last September. The entire goal of \$2,500.00 will be raised by the time of the State Auxiliary Convention in October.

College Opens

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Free Will Baptist Bible College will begin its 22nd year in the training of Christian workers September 10 with an expected enrollment of approximately 250 students.

President L. C. Johnson said the Bible College is looking forward to a wonderful year as Christian young people from 22 states gather in Nashville.

This year will be the first time for the school to use the new men's dormitory (formerly Belle Haven apartments pur-

chased a year ago) to house approximately 70 men and the dormitory supervisor.

Lloyd Plunkett, 1960 graduate from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has been employed as men's dormitory supervisor, practical work department director, and director of the men's physical education program.

Campaign Announced

NASHVILLE, TENN.—"Debt Free in Sixty Three" is the slogan adopted by the Bible College in announcing a campaign to raise funds to pay off all indebtedness against College properties by the end of the current year.

Director of Public Relations Paul J. Kettman has challenged 300 pastors to lead their churches in a special offering before the end of 1963 with the objective of raising \$30,000 to put the Bible College debt free in '63.

Challenge in Mexico

FLORENCE, ALA.—The King's Messengers Quartet from the First Free Will Baptist Church here recently visited the Free Will Baptist Church in Monterrey, Mexico. The quartet participated in a five night musical revival. There were 18 decisions for Christ.

Rev. Arthur Billows, director of missions work in Mexico, arranged the services for the quartet.

New Building Planned

DECATUR, ILL.—A two weeks revival was held here recently under the direction of Rev. Wallace Malone. The tent meeting was held on newly acquired property.

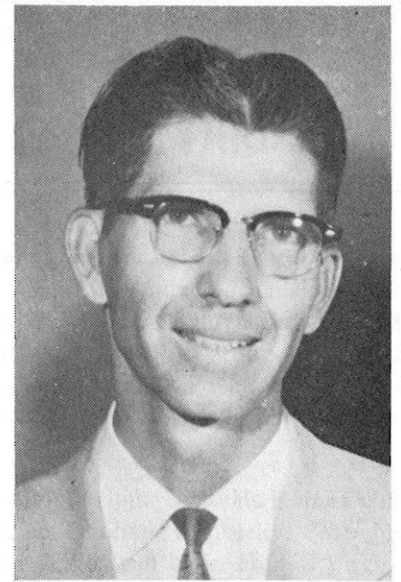
Pastor Malone has presented plans for a new structure to accommodate 300 people with adequate educational facilities for all age groups. This work was organized into a church in June of 1961 with 12 charter members. They are supporting the Co-operative Plan in the state.

Pastoral Changes

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The following pastoral changes have been reported to CONTACT. Rev. Luther Burns from Gum Swamp Church to First Church, Chipley, Florida; Rev. Harvey E. Hill from First Church, Berkeley, Missouri, to First Church, Auburndale, Florida; Rev. Dennis Wiggs from Palmetto Chapel, to Charleston Heights Church, Charleston, South Carolina; Rev. William Buster from Auroro, Illinois to Elgin, Illinois. Mr. Buster will be opening a new work in Elgin. Rev. Marshall Hamilton from Chicago Heights to Owensboro, Kentucky; Rev. Bill Turnbough from Kansas City, Kansas, to Liberty Church in Chicago.

Promotional Secretary Hired

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Rev. Harrold D. Harrison has been employed by the Sunday school Department of the National Associa-



Harrold Harrison

tion of Free Will Baptists to serve as Promotional Secretary and Director of Teacher Training. Mr. Harrison will promote the literature program of the denomination as well as the cause of Sunday school in general. He will conduct teacher training institutes throughout the country. His services are available to any church or group of churches. All institutes will be financed by free will offerings.

Mr. Harrison is from Oklahoma and is married to the former Lauretta Cynthia May, also of Oklahoma. The Harrisons have three children. Mr. Harrison is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and is presently serving on the Board of Trustees of the Bible College. He began his duties with the Sunday school department in August.

Successful Revival

GORMAN, TENN.—Rev. Richard Cordell was evangelist for revival services at the Gorman Church here. There were 14 decisions during the meeting. One young man answered the call to preach and is planning to attend the Bible College this fall. Rev. Don Hatcher is the pastor.



The First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia, recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. Pictured above are some of the charter members present for the occasion. Rev. Henry VanKluyve is pastor.

Unmined Gold

by Harold Harrison

Harold Harrison is Promotional Secretary and Director of Teacher Training of the National Sunday School Department.

THERE'S GOLD in them thar rolls!" Yes sir! brother pastor and Sunday school superintendent, it is true. The Sunday school enrolment records of the average Free Will Baptist Church abound with untapped resources. The age in which we live, the lateness of the hour, and the command of Christ demand that we utilize every spiritual weapon at our disposal in an all-out effort to reach the lost and then teach and train them for Christ.

J. Edgar Hoover wrote, "Our world is in a crisis. Around the earth the forces of materialism wage an unrelenting assault upon the things of the spirit. At home one need only to look at recent statistics to realize that we are, in fact, sitting on a seething volcano of crime. We need no sheaf of statistics to make us aware of the growing scourge of juvenile delinquency or the developing blight of crime. One glance at a daily paper is enlightening on that score. And, we may ask ourselves, are we directly at fault? What do the eyes of today's child mirror on the bookshelves at the corner drugstore, the magazine racks, on the cinema screen, and on television? Does he, perhaps, see violence and immodesty emphasized? Decency and honesty ridiculed? May he not from what he sees and hears, assume that graft and corruption are normal incidents of daily living?

"And what of the home in which today's youngster lives? Is it a place in which faith, love, discipline, sympathy, and understanding form an island of security in an uncertain world?

"Today, against the background of delinquency, crime, and threat of world conflict, what should be the role of the Sunday school?

"There is immense and vital power in the Word of God. But knowledge is needed to release that power. It is the role of the Sunday school to disseminate knowledge of the basic truths upon which our civilization rests. It is through the Sunday school that the dynamic Gospel which Christ brought to the world must be made accessible to new generations and it must be done in such a way that with it comes true understanding of that Gospel. We must assess the moral climate of today with a most critical eye and ascertain the degree to which it is responsible for the present scourges of crime, delinquency, and subversion. If we are to change that climate—if the rampant materialism that is at the base of so many of today's evils is to be forced into retreat—we must look to every spiritual weapon at our command. Certainly the Sunday school is such a weapon."

Let me suggest four requisites for mining and refining this unmined gold which lies within the grasp of our Sunday schools.

First of these is **RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL**.

The wise man wrote, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18a). Under the leadership of the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent must be brought to the point of seeing the overall potential of the Sunday school. A vision of this untapped potential will kindle in his heart an enthusiasm which will not soon die. This enthusiasm together with information will be conveyed to the entire Sunday school organization.

One of the great potentials of the Sunday school is that it is not age conscious. It has an appeal for every age level from the infant to the oldest adult with a class to accommodate each one. There is no class or social barrier which eliminates the enrolment and enlistment of those from every environment of life. The example of Jesus in dealing with the rich, the poor, the publicans, harlots, and winebibbers should be sufficient incentive for us to seek all of these for His glory.

Not only is there an appeal to every age group and to those from every social level but there is a potential worker in every new enrollee. Through the teaching and training processes of the Sunday school, every member may become a worker who in turn will enlist others in the Sunday school.

Within the number of new Sunday School enrollees there will be those who have the potential to become leaders in the total organization. Many times, Spirit given gifts of teaching and leadership lie latent in the ranks of those already enrolled because of the lack of a challenge to them. The potential in the average Sunday school is so great that Paul H. Holsinger wrote, "You can double your Sunday school attendance in 90 days."

Having recognized the potential and given the vision to the leadership of the Sunday school, the second requisite is **ORGANIZING FOR ACTION**.

The Sunday school like any other organization grows according to some definite and basic laws. These laws represent the accumulated experience of Sunday school leaders over a great many years in every type of Sunday school. One of these laws is that *the enrolment of the Sunday school will increase in proportion to the workers at the ratio of 10 to 1*. The way to multiply in the Sunday school is to divide. The greater number of workers, the greater the Sunday school. A second law deals with new classes or units. *New classes or departments grow more rapidly, are more zealous in winning people and are more responsive in accepting places of leadership*. New classes should be graded according to ages with promotion being given on the same basis. Another

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CULT CLINIC

by GENE ROGERS

SPIRITISM

Historical Background

Spiritism is nearly as old as time. It became popular in America and Europe in the 19th century. It gained many followers during the first World War, preying upon the families of dead servicemen. It is especially popular among the wealthy.

The Founders

The Fox family, after moving into a farmhouse near Hydesville, New York, were visited by strange occurrences such as rappings, furniture moving, hands, etc. They soon discerned that it was the spirit of a murdered man and found his physical remains in the cellar. The mother and the girls became proficient mediums.

Major Beliefs

1. The Bible is not inspired.
2. God is an impersonal being, but every spirit is a god.
3. Christ is nothing more than a medium of a high order, now in the 6th sphere. Denies his incarnation in the flesh.
4. There is no atoning value in the death of Jesus Christ. The soul is gradually purified by its own deeds in this life, and continues throughout the 7 spheres surrounding the finite earth (perfection is 7th heaven!) making man his own saviour.
5. Hell does not exist as a place of eternal punishment, but is the result of mistakes made while progressing.
6. Denies the personality of the Holy Spirit.
7. Man never had a fall.
8. Man's destiny is not fixed at death.

Refutation

First, an effort must be made to encourage belief in the authority and inspiration of the Scriptures. Then various verses and portions can be used. I John 4:1-3 admonishes us to test the spirits, whether they confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.

MODERNISM—LIBERALISM—UNITARIANISM

Date of Founding

Liberalism is a gradual and continuous growth out of our Protestant orthodoxy. There is no point in history of liberal thought at which a decisive break can be drawn. The first outstanding liberal was Arius of the 4th century.

Interesting Facts about Founder

There are no particular founders of this doctrine. A number of men have been prominent advocates of Modernism. Among these was Arius who taught that Jesus was neither fully God or fully man. Unitarianism as a movement began in the 1500's, the first church being founded by Faustus Socinus in Poland in 1579. The movement was then called "Socinianism." Among early supporters were John Murray, Elhanan Winchester, and Hosea Ballou. Perhaps the most prominent liberal was Dr. Channing who has been called the "Father of Unitarianism."

Historical Background

The teaching of Arius was rejected by the church at the council of Nicea, 325 A.D., as contrary to the Bible. Those who teach this doctrine are still with us. Others have arisen from time to time—Servetus and Socinus of the 16th century, and Channing of the 19th.

In America, Unitarianism began in New England as a revolt against the teachings of John Calvin. The first organized group which turned to Unitarianism as a body was the membership of the Episcopal Kings Chapel in Boston in 1796. The foundation of modern Unitarianism was laid when William Ellery Channing preached in 1819 a sermon defining and defending Unitarianism. They actually became a denomination in 1925.

Major Beliefs

1. The "Fatherhood of God" and the "Brotherhood of man."
2. The oneness of man and The Eternal.
3. Reason is exalted over revelation.
4. Rejection of the supernatural.
5. "Social" gospel supplants Jesus Christ and His work.

How To Refute

Since a modernist does not hold the Bible to be the Word of God, an understanding of inspiration must be taught first. When he believes the Bible, Scripture will prove to him the fallacy of his other beliefs. He must realize his sin and the insufficiency of human reason.

IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Mrs. Eunice Edwards**, Executive Secretary of WNAC, conducted a manual study at the Woodbine Church in Nashville, September 5. Mrs. Edwards will be at the Trinity Church in Nashville, September 10 and in Cookeville, Tennessee, on September 23.

■ Director of Home Missions **Homer Willis** will be in Dunham, Kentucky, September 6-7. Mr. Willis will be in Pound, Virginia, September 7; Big Stone Gap, Virginia, September 8; Bristol, Virginia, September 8-15 and Glennville, Georgia, September 23-29 for missionary revivals.

■ **Mark Vandivort**, Field Secretary for Home Missions, spoke recently in Monterrey, Mexico. Mr. Vandivort will be in Ohio, September 13-15 for a missions conference.

■ Director of Conference Ministries **Rufus Coffey** will be in Johnson City, Illinois, for a missionary conference, September 1-8. Mr. Coffey will be in Norfolk, Virginia for an area wide missionary conference, September 15-22.

■ **Reford Wilson**, Director of Foreign Missions, will be attending a Mission Executives Retreat at Winona Lake, Indiana, September 30-October 4.

■ Director of Information for Foreign Missions **Jerry Ballard** will be in Booneville, Mississippi, September 7-8. Mr. Ballard will be in Texas, September 9-23.

■ Executive Secretary **Billy A. Melvin** attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of NAE in Chicago on September 9. September 24-25 Mr. Melvin will attend the annual meeting of the Commission on Chaplains, NAE in Washington, D. C.

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important basic law for growth is that *enrolment and attendance will increase in direct proportion to visitation efforts*. Jesus said, "Go ye." This command has not been set aside. These words are the marching orders of the Sunday school.

The church building and its facilities will set the pattern for Sunday school growth and expansion. Having observed some of the major laws of growth, plans must be enacted which will incorporate the use of these laws in the Sunday school organization.

The third requisite is that of **WORKING THE PLAN**. There must be an enlistment effort put forth for additional teachers and officers prior to a drive for expansion. These teachers and officers must be trained for their task. This price must be paid if success is to be attained. With additional trained teachers and officers, with available space, visitation must begin. This is the life line of the Sunday school expansion program. Without it other efforts will fail. It takes people to reach people.

Now you are organized for action. Go out and compel them to come in. Make a canvass of the entire community. Use your Sunday school officers and teachers to make this census some Sunday afternoon. Divide the community up into sections and designate workers to the various areas. This job can be done in one afternoon. Lost people have no incentive for coming to Sunday school. You must give them one. Can you think of a greater one than the compassion of Jesus for them, evidenced in you? Welcome them into the Sunday school when they come, recognize them by name and make them feel at home. Let your goal be that of winning every lost member of your class to Jesus Christ. Be thoroughly prepared for each class session, pray much, provide times of class fellowship. Manifest a personal interest in each individual. Reach them, win them, and train them for Jesus. Your life will be enriched, their souls will be saved, and your heart will thrill. You will stand in holy awe and amazement at what God has done with and through you.

The fourth requisite is that of **INTEGRATING THE HARVEST INTO THE TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM**. Far too many of our new converts are lost to the church as the result of neglect on our part. Our task is not finished when we have brought them to Jesus. They must be taught. They must grow in grace and knowledge. They must be put to work. Their talents must be discovered and utilized. They must have the feeling of belonging. Their faith must be strengthened. The process through which they have passed must be repeated over and over again in the lives of others whom they shall bring to Christ. This was Jesus' method. It must be ours. Off with the coat! Up with the sleeves! Out with the tools! Let's mine some gold for God! ■■

I read my **CONTACT** and enjoy the articles, but when I see things like that it makes me sick.

Sincerely,
Alvin Howell
Bonifay, Florida

Dear Editor:

With reference to the article in the July issue of **CONTACT** "Wrestling to Win," I am not surprised that such circumstances exist in some Free Will Baptist Churches . . . we already have sufficient problems keeping worldiness from creeping into our churches . . . can you picture Paul putting a hammerlock on the Philippian jailor while Silas stood by with a lantern? Let us return to proclaiming the Gospel of redemption, offering to people the pure water of life, and if this does not win them, they are doomed.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Howard Munsey
Cookeville, Tennessee

Joy In Ministering

Dear Brother Melvin:

I cannot express to you the joy that was mine in ministering at your Free Will Baptist meeting of pastors and their wives in Detroit. I do not know when I have been in a meeting that has so warmed my own heart. The fellowship, the singing, and the joy of seeing those young men who are ministering the Word of God, thrilled my heart. We do pray that God may bless you and your Association in the years ahead.

Yours in Him,
Howard Sugden
Lansing, Michigan



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Dear Editor:

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Yours truly,
Mrs. H. G. Akinsson
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I thought the July issue of **CONTACT** was very good.

Sincerely,
Chester Phillips
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Editor:

I have just read **CONTACT** and am very pleased with the larger, more complete coverage.

Sincerely,
Gene Rogers
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Dear Editor:

On page 10 of the July **CONTACT** I read an article where Pastor Bill Davis was teaching wrestling to his young people . . .

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