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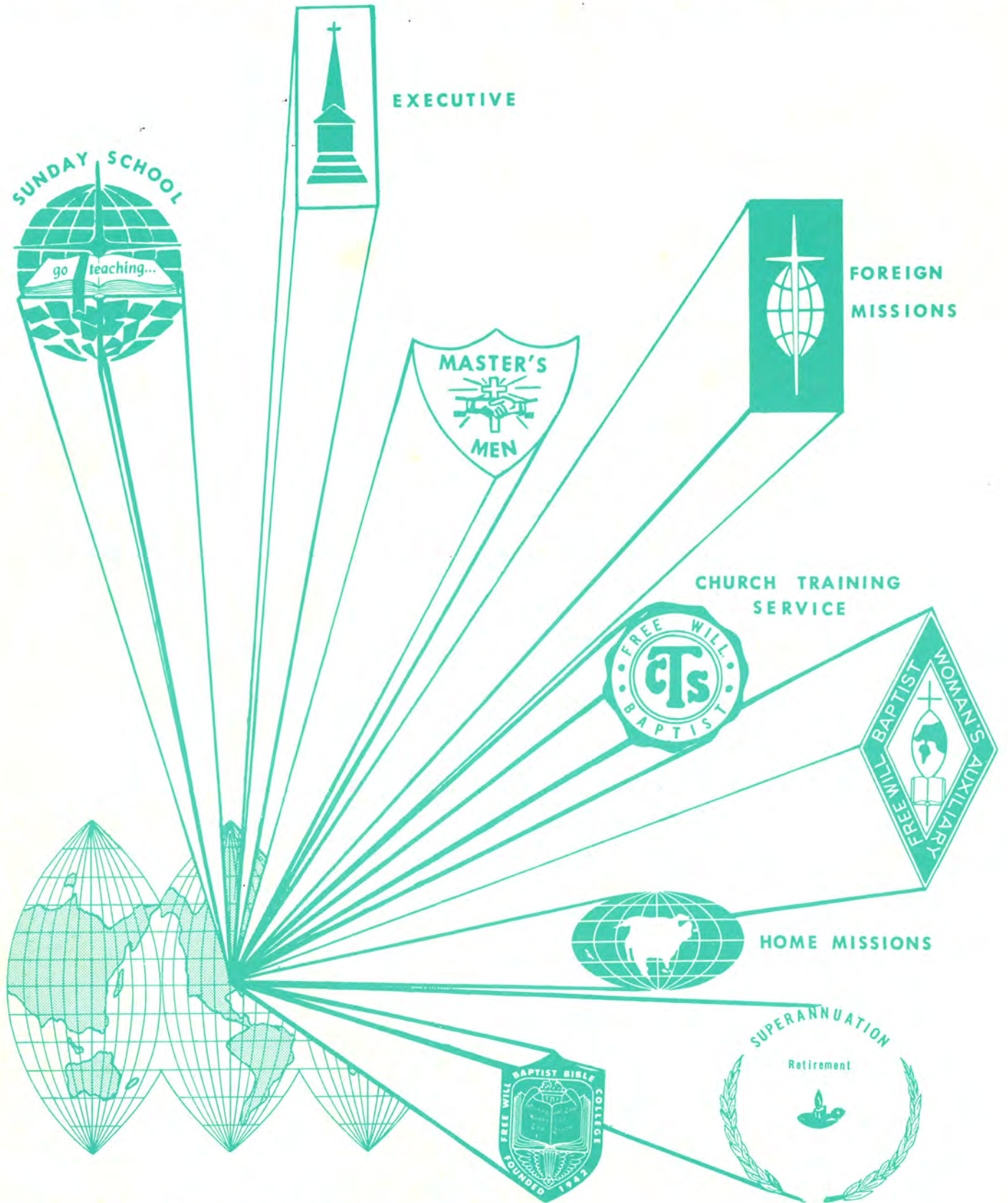
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FROM THE
GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

This column has mentioned from time to time the importance of the tenses of the Greek verb. Especially important is the *kind of action* shown by the verb, for the Greeks had ways of indicating whether they meant a verb to show just plain *simple* action or a special *continuing* action.

Interesting in this light are the three short verses of First Thessalonians 5:16, 17, and 18. They may be the shortest verses in the chapter, but they are packed full of important meaning for the daily practice of Christian living.

Note first the sixteenth verse: "Rejoice evermore." In the *Greek* New Testament, this is even shorter than John 11:35. The verb translated "rejoice" is actually in the Greek tense that means linear, continuing action. We might well translate it "Go on rejoicing . . ." It means this is to be habitual and continual, rejoicing all the time. This meaning is strengthened by the addition of the adverb "evermore"; this is the Greek word *pantote*, which simply means *all the time*. In the Greek verse, the adverb is in front for even more emphasis.

The seventeenth verse is constructed in exactly the same way. The verb translated "pray" is in the same linear tense, calling for *continuing* action, the habit and daily practice of life. The adverb (for it is one word in Greek) that is translated "without ceasing" is *adialeptos*, which simply means "without any lapses." It is used several times by Paul, always in reference to prayer (see Romans 1:9 and First Thessalonians 1:3 and 2:13). It does not necessarily mean that something is being done every moment, but it does mean it is a regular and habitual practice, done continually. Again, this adverb is in the front of the verse for emphasis.

And the eighteenth verse is constructed, too, in the very same manner. "Give thanks" is one verb, and it is also in the linear tense that means a continued practice.

The result of this analysis, then, can be expressed in this rendition of the three verses: "All the time, be continual-



PERSONALLY

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY COFFEY consults with MRS. RITA WENNING, recently named CONTACT's Circulation Manager.

Your National Offices

This issue gives you information concerning your National Office Building, its occupants and the role of each agency. As you read about the functions and activities of each department, we trust you will have a greater appreciation for these ministries and the dedicated, loyal staff serving so faithfully.

We wish each reader could personally visit these splendid facilities accommodating the varied departmental operations. Maybe we can sufficiently arouse your interest so you will make it a point to visit us.

Here we are united in one great mission to expedite the aspirations of over 200,000 Free Will Baptists in 38 states. Ministering in behalf of over 2,200 churches, we seek to strengthen our world-wide witness through literature, youth work, Christian education and evangelism at home and abroad.

It is our prayer that God will continually bless our efforts and enable us to serve His Church in a more effective way.

Your National Magazine

What is the purpose of this official publication of the National Association of Free Will Baptists? Since October has incorporated into its monthly contents. Month, we would like to express to our prospective readers some reasons for subscribing to this periodical.

First, our task is *to inform*. A large segment of our membership is ill-informed about the many facets of denominational activities. There are vague concepts but little understanding of how we are involved in a total program. The issues of the hour need to be set forth with suggested solutions. Efforts will be

ly rejoicing; without any lapses, be continually praying; in every circumstance, be continually giving thanks."

made to explore our Christian responsibility in coping with contemporary problems of society.

Everyone will not agree with what is said, but it is our duty to arouse the mind and conscience. News events will be reported objectively. Helps for Christian family living will complement other available materials. Strong emphasis will be given to the home and development of the laity.

Another aim is *to indoctrinate*. We have a great heritage. It is our responsibility to perpetuate the principles passed on to us by our predecessors. There is no reason to apologize for the Bible doctrines set forth in our Treatise. Articles and messages on basic beliefs are also incorporated into its monthly contents.

There are times we stand in need of *indictment*. A denominational magazine would lose its value if it did not point out failures and shortcomings. Care must be taken not to be overly censorious, but where constructive criticism is needed, it should be done. It is not always easy to be a discerning and responsible critic while offering sound judgment or corrective measures as an answer to problems. But self-criticism is indispensable to progress. It is a painful necessity if we take the steps essential to self-improvement.

Above all, our goal is *to inspire*. Purposeful content is designed to stimulate thought, develop convictions, arouse concern, motivate discipleship, enlarge our vision, and increase our stewardship obligation. Moreover, it is the desire of your editors to give a positive witness of the Good News and move hearts to a complete commitment to the Lordship of Christ.

In seeking to fulfill our high hopes, we are conscious that they can only be realized through His help and blessings upon this printed page ministry.

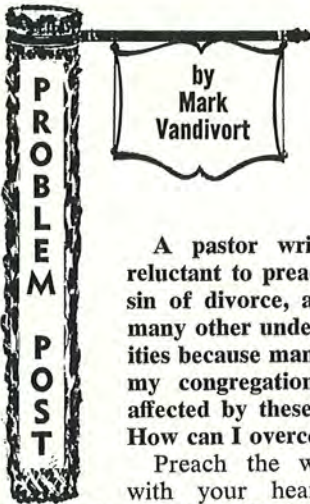
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A pastor writes, "I feel reluctant to preach about the sin of divorce, adultery, and many other undesirable activities because many families in my congregation have been affected by these social evils. How can I overcome this?"

Preach the whole gospel with your heart saturated with the love of Jesus Christ. Jesus made a practice of lifting people out of the depths of social sins, cleansing them, and setting them on the solid Rock to begin a new life. A mother who has experienced divorce will appreciate a pastor teaching her children the truth if she is right with God. Our first desire should be to please God.

A young man writes, "I am in a situation where I am unable to attend a Bible believing church. Do you have suggestions as to how I can best worship God?"

One of the blessed privileges of a Christian is the personal relationship one can have with God in private devotion. However, to practice this exclusively is like keeping your talent hidden. I believe there is something in the heart of a true Christian that drives him to share his worship with others. This accounts for the risk Christians take when they meet together for worship in areas where they are persecuted. For most of us, worship does not mean much if we put little into it.

Find a friend who will share Bible discussion and prayer with you. If you do not have a Christian friend, perhaps you can lead an unsaved friend to Jesus Christ. Your Bible discussion can be conducted in a dorm room, fox hole, or a business office. Your nucleus of believers may develop into an organized church. I would encourage you to make contact when possible with a Bible believing church or chaplain.



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CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

The National Church Training Service Department is responsible to the National Association of Free Will Baptists through a seven-member board. Board members are elected for seven-year terms, and one member is elected each year during the National Association. The Board of Church Training Service administers its ministry through the office of its general director. The CTS Board employs a general director and makes decisions on budgets, broad policies and the general outreach of the CTS Department. The general director implements the ministry through a staff which he is authorized to employ according to budget allocations and work requirements. The general director is accountable to the Church Training Service Board. He provides reports on past accomplishments of the department and presents plans for future procedures in regular Board meetings.

The general director has a staff of assistants who are charged with specific areas of responsibility. It is through the supervisors that the day-by-day activities of the CTS Department are carried out. Additional staff members are employed in the different areas of work within the department depending upon the work load. The general director holds regular meetings with the supervisory staff in order to coordinate the total ministry of the department.

A major area of responsibility for the department is the publication of sixteen quarterly pieces of CTS literature. The children's division of CTS literature is under the supervision of Jane Johnson. There are seven publications for the Helpers, Listeners, and Learners. Mrs. Johnson is responsible for developing themes, making writing assignments, getting art work for illustration purposes, editing, and proofing the seven publications.

The second division of publication is under the direction of June Critcher who is responsible for all youth and adult materials. She plans themes, makes assignments to writers, selects art for illustrations, edits, and proofs each publication. In addition to being responsible for editing eight quarterly publications, she edits camp literature, *Depth*, and other materials for youth and adults.

Teach and Train Magazine, which has been a joint publication of the Sunday School and CTS Departments, is edited by Jack and Judy Simpson. This magazine will be produced by CTS only, beginning in January, 1969. Many writers are used by CTS in the preparation of its material. Manuscript fees are paid to all writers depending on

length and type of material.

When manuscripts have been edited and all necessary changes and corrections made, they are forwarded to the CTS printing division. This area of work is broken down into two separate divisions. The preparation stage, which includes type-setting and other work which must be done to get the publications ready for the press room, is under the direction of Jim Lauthern. He utilizes the services of typists and artists to prepare each publication for printing. His staff includes several full-time and part-time employees. It is his job to work with the editor of each publication until it is completed. His role as managing editor for CTS publications involves supervision and creative skills. Items of printing for other Free Will Baptist organizations are made ready for printing under Mr. Lauthern's supervision.

The second half of the printing arm of the CTS Department is the press room and related areas. This area of responsibility is under the direction of Roger Phenicie. As all of the printing done within the CTS Department is offset, the materials come from the preparation section ready for the camera. Mr. Phenicie is responsible for taking each publication from the stage of camera-ready copy through to the finished product. Several steps are involved: camera work, masking and plate burning, press work, folding, assembling, stitching, and trimming. Supplies which include paper, ink, and other necessary chemicals must be ordered and stocked for use as needed.

Inventory control and sales of all CTS materials are under the supervision of Fred Green. He is responsible for filling and shipping all orders. It is his job to properly stock quarterly publications and other materials as they are completed by the printing division. He must order materials that are purchased from other suppliers for re-sale by CTS. The sales manager is responsible for setting up and supervising displays at the National Association and other meetings which he may attend.

Closely associated with the sales area of responsibility is the bookkeeper. It is the job of Edith Phenicie to process all incoming orders, prepare invoices, and post sales to the proper ledger. The bookkeeper also keeps the payroll records, issues checks, and handles all other bookkeeping procedures and financial reports.

General youth activities including the competitive program and the National Youth Conference involve the combined talents of several individuals. Part-time

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by samuel e. johnson

GOING SOUTH on a main thoroughfare, five minutes from downtown Nashville, one mile from where two interstates intersect and almost at the front door of the airport is the Free Will Baptist National Offices. About fifteen minutes from any section of the city (when the freeways are finished) this building, so conveniently located, is the bustling center of operation for all the National Departments, except one. The Bible College is located on a separate campus in West Nashville.

Completed in 1965 on a sloping four and a half acre tract of land, this 10,000 square feet of commodious office space makes possible the efficient operation of the various ministries of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Anyone visiting the building cannot help being impressed as he turns off Murfreesboro Road and ascends the driveway to the beautiful, buff brick and block building of modern design. Stepping onto the paved parking area and driveway that circles the building, there is a lovely view over-looking a large shopping center.

Upon entering the spacious foyer and receiving cordial greetings from the receptionist, you readily see Randall Book Store through the large plate glass partition. This denominational enterprise merchandises Bibles, evangelical books, church supplies and religious notions. A thriving business is developing, which employs a full-time manager. The operation and oversight of this business is a part of your Executive Department.

Connecting with the lobby is another long corridor that leads to the different suites of offices where each department functions. At the far end of this hall is the mailroom, printing room, and warehouse. Supervising the maintenance of this building is quite involved. It includes the up-keep of the building and land, collection of rent and monthly payments, employment of a receptionist, who also serves as telephone operator and circulation manager of the denominational magazine, employment of a mail clerk who handles the volume of mail, coming and going. Janitorial services are to be supervised, group insurance for all employees in the building must be kept up with, and many other details tended to. This, however, is only one facet of the work of your Executive Office.

Another major function of this office is coordinating and promoting all National Departments. The denomination functions through various agencies that have come into existence to fulfill a particular role. The measure of each ministry may vary, but the mission of each department is equally important. No de-

A GLIMPSE AT YOUR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

by rufus coffey

partment is superior or subservient to the other. Each office operates separately and independently, yet all are interrelated and interdependent upon each other in performing a total ministry. Maintaining a balanced emphasis by correlating the whole National program without jurisdictional authority is the task of your Executive Office.

Further aid to the advancement of each department is given through promoting the Cooperative Plan of Support and other means of stewardship. Encouraging proportionate, systematic financial support to each department is included in the services of your Executive Office.

PPROMOTING our total denominational ministries is mainly done in two ways. First, through extensive travels by the Executive Secretary throughout the denomination. Attending state and district meetings and discussing with pastors and

state leaders how churches can best be served, information is gathered to help further the united cause. The other medium of interchange is publishing our National magazine, CONTACT. This official monthly periodical is more than promotional literature; it is a family magazine designed to complement other publications. Excellent Christian reading is offered through inspirational articles, Bible studies and feature stories. Denominational news, world religious news and a special page for the women stimulate additional interest. *Communication* is the key to better understanding and unity. This is an important phase of the work of your Executive Office.

Sometimes taken for granted, but yet a vital responsibility, is arranging facilities, preparing and expediting the National Convention program. Much detailed planning and coordination is necessary to insure the smooth operation of this annual event. The implementation and execution of special programs adopted by the National Convention is also included in our work. Printing and distributing the minutes are part of the duties of your Executive Office.

Inasmuch as our denomination is not an isolated island in the theological world, we share fundamental convictions of other evangelicals. Membership in the National Association of Evangelicals links us with many like-minded people of God who make their united voice heard abroad. In addition to receiving helpful services from the agencies of NAE, we are able to give a corporate witness in an age of compromise and church apostasy. Representation to the NAE is through your Executive Office.

Besides administrative duties and public relations responsibilities, the office is an information center. Inquiries, both written and personal concerning our doctrines and ministries, usually come through this office. It is difficult to list all the lesser phases of operation. Those mentioned will give something of the scope of the unique role that your Executive Office has in bringing about more cohesiveness within the denomination without centralization.

Administering denominational affairs is a solemn responsibility. It is done in the fear of the Lord. No human program can supplant the power of God. While many denominations are seeking substitutes for the departed glory, we seek a fresh touch from heaven and the fullness of His blessings in order to build a church that glorifies our Saviour. The apostle Paul stated in Romans 11:13, "I magnify my office". The area of work performed by your Executive Office deserves the same attitude.

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COMMITTED TO SERVE

by jim owen jones

General Director

Ship's captain. Man in the middle. The boss. The job where mistakes are made . . . victories won . . . where missionaries are born . . . where decisions hinge. All of these are descriptive of the general director of foreign missions, yet none fit him entirely.

In a sense, the general director is a man in the middle, between missionary and board, between missionary and public, between public and the department.

As a go-between in missionary-board relationships, the general director is primarily a representative. To the board, he represents missionary needs and reports their progress. To the missionary, he interprets board actions and clarifies objectives.

By-products of his function involve him in pastoral duties to the missionary, counseling and ministering to them, and in screening of missionary candidates. Through personal interviews and correspondence, he processes applications and relays his findings to the board.

He's also a trouble-shooter, resolving differences and preventing lost motion in the wheels of operations. He explores new methods of interpreting missionary enterprise to the public and keeps the public informed of needs and problems where circumstances demand it. He represents the department at intermission activities and regularly corresponds with donors and keeps a watchful eye on deputational activity and communication of information from the home office to the general public.

No matter who makes the mistakes, the blame ultimately falls on the general director simply because he's the man at the top. As head of the administrative staff, the general director is responsible to the public for the department's activities. He oversees the several divisions of the department, coordinating them, and compiles the total annual budget, soliciting both departmental division and field budgets. In addition he makes an annual report to the National Association, a counterpart in terms of purpose to the State of the Union message by a U.S. president.

Finally, the general director is a strategist, using all his knowledge and reasoning to best implement those objectives of missions expansion and maintenance

which are assigned him by the board in the public's interest.

Director of Communications

Working closely with the general director, the man heading the communications division supervises three areas: informational services, audio-visuals, and foreign literature.

Informational services produces materials designed to keep the general public informed about activities of the foreign missions department, aiming for increased concern for biblical responsibilities of Christians in world evangelism. Included



Wilson, Critcher, VanKluyve

in these materials are the monthly magazine *Heartbeat*, a missions digest series, annual theme materials, missions books and booklets, and other literature for specific purposes.

Audio-visuals, a relatively new section in the communications office, includes production of motion pictures, filmstrips, and any other audio-visual materials for use in missions promotion at home and abroad. It maintains a film library to serve churches at home and is supervised by the director of communications.

In the area of foreign literature, the communications head assists missionaries in developing tools for use in church planting and evangelism.

Director of Deputation

With a large number of missionaries moving to and from the field continuously, it is imperative that someone coordinate their travel, church services, and underwriting. This is the job of the director of deputation.

The man heading deputation is respon-

sible for planning the strategic use of the missionary's furlough period and assisting him in effectively sharing with local congregations the objectives, thrills, frustrations, victories, and plans of missionary activity. In fact, practically all of the missionary's stateside activity falls into the hands of the deputational director.

He is the department's liaison with pastors and churches in securing adequate financial underwriting of all missionary needs. For this reason he must, with the help of the general director, determine annually the support needs of each missionary or appointee.

The director of deputation, having secured a missionary's underwriting, then assists in securing faith commitments to keep the missionary on the field. In addition, he helps pastors in planning effective missions emphasis to keep missionary interests before their people.

Because he is involved in the department-public sphere of activity, the director arranges departmental representation at all appropriate denominational activities.

The deputational director prepares reports to the board and keeps a close tab of events that affect the health and well-being of the missionary. He works with the communications director in assessing the missions education needs in the denomination and planning effective use of communications media.

He requires the help and participation of laymen. These men are strategic to the success of the deputational ministry since they can best assess local needs for mission activity and coordinate conferences accordingly.

Manager of Finance

The Manager of Finance is responsible for supervising bookkeeping and receipting functions, disbursing funds as budgeted, making periodic financial reports, arranging for annual audit of the department's financial activities, assisting in preparation of annual budgets, and processing required tax reports.

He serves as purchasing agent for the department in securing equipment and supplies for both stateside and overseas operations.

As travel agent for the department, he secures necessary travel documents and makes overseas travel arrangements.

He is also delegated the responsibility of office management.



AMERICA for CHRIST

by homer e. willis

National Board of Home Missions

WHY have the Home Missions Department? Because the work of Home Missions and Church Extension is a fulfillment of part of the *Great Commission*. Through this department the denomination has been challenged to a ministry of evangelism which has brought many souls to Christ and many members into the church. Through this ministry young converts have been trained and some have become leaders in our denomination. Through this ministry scores of new churches have been organized and buildings erected in *all* sections of North America.

The National Association provided for a Board of Home Missions at the first session; however, a definite program of work was not started until about fourteen years ago. Since that time, dozens of men and women have served as home missionaries in Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Old Mexico, Virgin Islands, and twenty other mainland states.

The ministry of the Home Missions Board is as follows:

1. Sending preachers into large cities of America and supporting them while they establish churches which become self-supporting in a short period of time.

2. Sending missionaries into remote fields and to "language groups" throughout North America.

3. Operating Bible Institutes such as the most successful school at Monterrey, Mexico.

4. Preparing and distributing missionary literature. Thousands of such pieces are distributed annually in addition to the home mission magazine *Mission-Grams*.

5. Sending summer missionaries to assist regular missionaries in their work. (These are sent only by request of the missionary.)

6. The Home Missions Board directs the Chaplains' Commission of the denomination and promotes this ministry, works with our chaplains, and approves new applicants.

7. A small loan fund has been established to assist new mission churches in purchasing building sites. This is a ministry of the Home Missions Department that needs greater support from the denomination. Only gifts which are *given* for this purpose are used in the loan department. (No general fund money is used for this purpose.)

8. Mission conferences are arranged and sponsored in churches throughout the denomination as speakers are available.

9. Revivals and evangelism conferences are sponsored as time and staff will permit.

10. Monthly letters, "Shield of Faith", are prepared and mailed to our servicemen and women in all parts of the world. Also, similar letters have been mailed to our college students. The population of our nation is now 50% under the age of 25 years. This reminds us with force that we must minister to the young people.

11. Much of the ministry of the National Home Missions Board is spent in work with state and local mission boards. The director and his staff are available to assist these boards in any way possible. It has been the thinking of the General Director for years that *all* must get personally involved in home missions work. The method of doing it or who does it is not as important as "getting it done."

12. Names and addresses of Free Will Baptist families who move from one state to another are being mailed to our pastors in areas where these folks settle. In this way we hope to retain many families that previously were being lost to other denominations.

13. It is not an official part of the work of the Home Missions Department, but we try to assist our churches, *when they ask*, to secure a pastor. We also try to assist our preachers to secure churches *when they ask*.

14. Related to the work of home missions is a good deal of time spent in counseling young people about their life's work. The need is so great for laborers

that every opportunity is taken to give encouragement to those who have an interest in the missionary ministry.

15. A training camp for missionaries, board members, and prospective missionaries is held bi-annually as a part of the home missions program.

A dedicated staff working from the National Home Missions Office in Nashville is busy five days each week, and many times on the week-end putting the above mentioned programs into operation. Supervised by the general director, Reverend Robert Shockey serves as field director. His primary work is to secure needed funds for the various mission fields. Mrs. Vernon Barker is bookkeeper and Miss Rosie Crisher is secretary. The office staff are as much missionaries as those out on the field and need prayer and encouragement in the same way.

The home mission field is all of North America. This means that we are responsible for 260,000,000 people. All of Canada is a home mission-church extension opportunity. Our present work is in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Recently the first church was started in the Virgin Islands in the West Indies. Yes, our field is from the North Pole down to Central America, and from the Hawaiian Islands to Alaska, and from Nova Scotia to the West Indies. On a budget of \$180,000 we are attempting to minister in this vast area. Every dollar given to National Home Missions is reaping a full dollar in return. There is no place for waste or luxury.

The time is here when it will take more than "token" offerings to support this ever growing work. We have been trying to cure this hemorrhage need with a band-aid. Now we must apply the tourniquet. Is it too much to ask that every Free Will Baptist give one dollar per year to help evangelize North America? According to the statistical report in the 1967 National Association minutes,

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WHY DO CHRISTIANS HAVE EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS?

by robert c. hill

"The worry problem is at the root of most domestic strife, business failure, social injustices, economic crises, seemingly incurable sicknesses, and premature deaths—to mention but a few of its victims."

OUR WORLD is sick with sin and paralyzed by fear. In our nation more people are committing suicide each year than are dying from the five most common communicable diseases. While twentieth century drugs, administered by skilled physicians, have nearly obliterated the ravages and perils of infectious diseases, all manner of psychosomatic illnesses, high blood pressure, hypertension, etc., have become the insignia of our emotionally frustrated and mentally sick society. We have conquered outer space, but the heart of man is still wild and untamed.

In his book, *Every Other Bed*, Doctor Mike Gorman, the Executive Director of the National Mental Health Committee, reported the astounding and terrifying fact that every other hospital bed in the United States is occupied by a mental case, including many dedicated Christians. The book further declares that it is possible even now to foresee a day when two-thirds of our hospital beds will be occupied by mental cases! Most of these mental cases are the result of worry, or at least had their beginning with this contagious sin.

Mental illness is costing this country more than four billion dollars a year. It is conservatively estimated that many more Americans are committing suicide each year (the consummation of stress, duress, anxiety, worry) than die from the five most common communicable diseases. For instance, in one recent year, 220 people died as a result of poliomyelitis. During the same year, 15,980 committed suicide! Another 10,170 persons died as a result of ulcers of the stomach and duodenum. It is firmly established that worry and anxiety are the primary factors involved in stomach and duodenal ulcers.

SEVENTEEN MILLION Americans are suffering from some form of mental illness. According to a very revealing article in a leading magazine recently, the chances are one in ten that you may be suffering from mental illness right now. You may not even know it.

After several weeks of constant bickering, quarreling and fighting, a young business man and his wife were on the verge of divorce. As a last ditch effort, they agreed to talk with me about their problem, even though they knew it would be hopeless. They wanted my advice and reference to a good attorney and the proper settlement of alimony, child care, etc.

After I asked the question, "How did all this begin?" I did very little talking, just listened. They didn't start at the beginning, but slowly worked their way back, until the husband said, "I know that I have been restless, irritable, and hard to get along with. But the pressures of my business, especially since a new competitor entered the field, has left me with little time to eat, sleep or be the father and husband

I want to be." For the first time, the lovely wife saw the reason for the dilemma, and the husband got to the root cause of their problems—worry. After reading Philippians 4:4-8, I prayed in their behalf and sent them on their way trusting that a new reliance on God and a greater understanding of each other would wipe these problems from their memory.

Not every situation has such a happy ending, however. Sometimes worry is allowed to progress so far that it separates one from God to the extent that he looks for answers to his problems elsewhere. But Christians, with a strong faith in Jesus Christ, find that they have allowed the devil to defeat them with worry and quickly ask God to forgive.

ONE OF the worst tragedies about worry lies in the fact that it is so contagious. It is so easily "caught." Several outstanding psychiatrists believe that worry is much more contagious than infectious diseases like scarlet fever, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, and the like. Worry is public enemy number one, not only because of its devastating effects upon the individuals involved, but because of the way it ravages society.

To get a little deeper insight into the destruction it effects in the individual and in society, consider exactly what is meant by worry. The New Testament word for worry is translated "take thought" and "be careful" in the Authorized Version. J. B. Phillips correctly translated it "worry."

It is interesting to note that the word "worry" comes from the Greek word *merimnao* which is a combination of two words: *merizo* meaning "to divide" and *nous* meaning "mind" (including the faculties of perceiving, understanding, feeling, judging, determining). Worry, then, means "to divide the mind." Worry divides the mind between worthwhile interests and damaging thoughts.

The Apostle James states the unhappy condition of the person with the divided mind. "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8). Notice that the man with the divided mind is unstable in *all his ways*. He is unstable in his emotions. He is unstable in his thought processes. He is unstable in his decisions. He is unstable in his judgments.

WORRY is sin! It is not an excusable malady nor an unfortunately inherited weakness. Don't try to excuse

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The new parsonage of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia, is a total electric Gold Medallion, four-bedroom home with central heating and air conditioning. The new parsonage is located across the street from the sanctuary on a lot originally used for parking. Additional property adjacent to the church has been purchased and will be used as a parking area and for future building expansion. Rev. Rolla D. Smith has been pastor of the Savannah church since February, 1967.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

New Educational Building

MEMPHIS, TENN.—An advertisement was placed in the local newspaper to determine if any Free Will Baptists were interested in organizing a church here. From the nucleus that responded, a church was organized with twenty-three charter members. Under the leadership of Rev. N. D. Jones (October, 1958-July, 1966), a \$12,000 educational building was erected and new property for the present building was purchased. Our congregation is now worshipping in a new \$65,000 educational building at 2898 S. Perkins. Please contact Pastor E. A. Riggs if you have Free Will Baptist relatives or friends or unchurched acquaintances in our area.

Richards Outstanding Minister

FULTON, TEXAS—Rev. Herbert Richards, pastor of Christ's Free Will Baptist Church, has been selected by the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists as the outstanding minister of 1967. Richards was also elected moderator for the 1968-69 term. Contributions of the minister to the local church, district association, state and national levels are considered in naming a minister to receive the top award.

Master's Men Chapters

NASHVILLE, TENN.—It is urgent that all chapters who have not sent their dues in do so by the end of November, 1968.

Adkisson Elected To Post



Adkisson

FRESNO, CALIF.—During its 25th Silver Anniversary, the California State Association elected Rev. Bill Adkisson as State Executive Secretary. Adkisson will correlate the work of the various departments, give direction to establishing new churches, and assist local churches in strengthening their witness. The association voted to move the executive office to Fresno. Correspondence should be sent to: California State Association of Free Will Baptists, P. O. Box 2126, Fresno, California 93719.

Turner Schedules Revivals



Turner

MANNING, S. C.—After having pastored four South Carolina churches, Rev. I Bennie Turner has entered into full-time evangelism. Mr. Turner writes, "It (entering the field of evangelism) has never been a question of whether or not it was God's will, but only a question of when . . . I'm

confident that the four years of Christian training God gave me at Bob Jones University ('56-'60) and the nine years of pastoral work since then have been necessary preparation that God wanted me to have." Correspondence should be addressed to: Rev. I. Bennie Turner, 25 North Barfield Street, Manning, South Carolina 29102.

CBI Names New President



Eubanks

FRESNO, CALIF.—The College Board of Trustees of California Bible Institute recently named Odus K. Eubanks as President to succeed C. Eugene Rogers, who resigned several months ago. Mr. Eubanks was formerly Academic Dean at the College. CBI's new president received the Bachelor of Science degree from Southeast Missouri State College in 1959, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He earned the Master of Education degree at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Mr. Eubanks is currently completing requirements for the Master of Divinity degree at Menonite Brethren Seminary.

Beginning this semester, CBI will offer a four-year college program. The Institute will become California Christian College after January 1, 1969. The Ichthus Dormitory and a new combina-

tion chapel-kitchen-dining room building is nearing completion.

New faculty and staff members include: Miss Delma Wright, Supervisor of Women and Missions instructor; Miss Barbara Snelling, College librarian and assistant Social Studies instructor; Mr. Vernon Gunnels, Supervisor of Men.

Smith Accepts New Post

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Rev. N. R. Smith, Oklahoma State Executive Secretary and Editor of **The Promoter** for the past six years, has been named Director of Christian Literature, according to Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey. Smith graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1953 with a B.A. in Bible and later attended Blackwood Business College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His pastorates include: Oaklawn Church in Tennessee; New Home, Bristow, and Wewoka—all located in Oklahoma. Mr. Smith is a former member of OBC's faculty and is currently serving on the National Sunday School Board. He is married to the former Catherine Pettry. The Smiths have two children: James, 14 yearst old, and Timothy, who is 12. The office of the newly appointed Director of Christian Literature is located in the Executive Department of the National Offices Building.



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Committee Date Set

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A proposed Treatise change relative to backsliding and feet washing was recommended to the National Association in July this past summer. It was referred to a committee for further study. This committee, composed of the Executive Committee and two representatives chosen by each State Association, or the next highest body when no state organization exists, will meet at the National Office Building, Monday, December 2, 1968, beginning at five o'clock in the afternoon. Each State Moderator or Clerk has been contacted to notify the Executive Office and give names of his state's official representatives. Names should be sent to the Executive Secretary by November 15, 1968.

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Vickie Watson
Michigan

Changes Pastorates

Dear Editor:

My new address is 533 South Fourth Street, Jesup, Georgia 31545. I have accepted the pastorate of First Free Will Baptist Church here.

Eugene Hales

Pastor Resigns

Dear Editor:

I have resigned my Haines City pastorate and may be contacted at P. O. Box 777, Haines City, Florida.

Woodrow Messex

Begins Jail Ministry

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find check for subscription to *Contact*.

As I wait upon the Lord I hope to begin a jail and skidrow ministry in the near future. I am praying that God will give me an effective method where men and women in jails and prisons may be reached and brought to Christ.

S. M. Aragon
P. O. Box 91
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Requests Prospects

Dear Editor:

It is my desire to establish a solid church in Weatherford, Oklahoma. I ask that all Free Will Baptists send me the names and addresses of any prospects in this area.

Dugan McDonald
923 Krest Drive
Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096

at the

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

by roger reeds

8:00—THE TIME clock clicks and the last Sunday School Department employee punches his time card and hurries to the department prayer meeting. Prayer meeting is held in the Business Office in the new Operations Building, recently built on property owned by the National Association.

Mrs. Lora Shutes, Office Manager, is in charge of the prayer meeting. She reads Scripture and asks for prayer requests. Jo Ann Ruth, secretary to Harrold Harrison, requests prayer for her boss who is in Georgia conducting one of the many Sunday School Institutes he conducts each year.

Wallace Hayes, local pastor and Warehouse Manager, requests prayer for guidance during shipping this quarter. Orders for literature have been quite heavy the last few days and the shipping department doesn't want to get behind.

8:20—EMPLOYEES make their way to their places of work. Judy Hayes takes her place at the bookkeeping machine and begins the day's postings. Carole Johnson opens mail and processes orders. There are more than 100 orders today.

Mrs. Lurline Hayes and Mrs. Betty Hayes begin wrapping packages. They are finishing yesterday's orders. Most of the packages are small enough for a woman to handle easily.

9:05—MAURINE LEE, Teen Editor, needs to consult with the General Director about the teen curriculum. She checks with Charlyne Hinesley, Mr. Reeds' Secretary, and is announced over the intercom. A decision is made and Mrs. Lee returns to her desk.

10:00—IT'S break time. Employees are enjoying a favorite pastime . . . a pepsi break. A dining area is reserved in a corner of the Operations Building, and employees make their way there for 15 minutes of relaxation. Some have decided on a quick game of ping-pong.

10:15—ROGER REEDS walks back to the office with Mrs. Jean Wilson, Preschool Editor, and Mrs. Myrtle Reeds, Primary-Junior Editor. The three discuss curriculum changes.

12:00—EMPLOYEES scatter for lunch. Some have brought their lunch and they retrieve it from the refrigerator in the dining area. Others have sent out for sandwiches. Wallace Hayes is enjoying Minnie Pearl's fried chicken.

1:15—PART TIME employees begin arriving. Doug Henderson, Senior student at the Bible College, serves as artist. Joan Lee, a Junior student, is a typist and proofreader. Jane Bilbrey, an Indiana Bible College student, is file clerk. Randy Ruth, from Ohio, prepares the mail to go to the post office.

3:00—BREAK time again.

3:15—ORDERS are pulled and wrapped. Wallace Hayes goes to the bank with today's bank deposit. The new GMC truck leaves for the Post Office.

3:30—ROGER REEDS calls a staff meeting of editors. Scheduling of

the quarterlies from writer to typesetter to printer is gone over. Mrs. Lee points out that Woodward Henry, free lance artist from Cleveland, Ohio, is late with his drawings for the Preschool workbook. It is decided that a phone call to Mr. Henry might rush things up. The meeting is ended with prayer.

4:15—MISS HINESLEY types a last minute letter Mr. Reeds has dictated.

4:30—THE TIME clock begins to click again. In a few minutes, most of the employees are gone. Machines have been covered, equipment put away or turned off, and Mrs. Shutes checks to be sure all the windows and doors in the Operations Building are locked. She leaves at 4:50.

5:00—ROGER REEDS finishes loading the trunk of the department car. He is leaving tomorrow for an associational meeting.



Reeds

AMERICA

continued

there are 179,939 members in our churches. We can meet our budget if each of these will give one dollar this year. *That's about 8¢ per month or 2¢ per week.* Think about this—the National Home Missions Board is only asking for 2¢ per week for missionary work, and that is more than was given last year.

It is interesting to hear the observations of our missionaries who labor in other parts of the world concerning the increasing spiritual dilemma that they see creeping into our churches in North America. The devil knows if he can destroy the home front he can dry up the source of world-wide ministry.

The work of home missions and church extension is vital to our denomination. Every penny that is given for all causes must come from local churches. If there were no local churches, we would have no colleges, no children's homes, no overseas work. We must have more local churches, and to get them we must have more support for National Home Missions. *Equal giving is the answer.*

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Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. O. T. Dixon, P. O. Box 873, Norman, Oklahoma 73069.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Methodists May Appoint Catholic Missionaries

NEW YORK CITY (MNS)—The United Methodist Board of Missions is considering the acceptance of Roman Catholics who meet usual standards for missionary service.

Reasons given for the decision making possible the appointment of Catholics: "The present emphasis on ecumenism and Joint Action for Mission, and the trend toward church union may need this kind of interchange in order for boards of mission to be ecumenically related to such emphases; and the increasing number of requests for missionaries with special skills may make it necessary to recruit outside of one's own denomination in order to meet the needs as they are presented."

Nation's Top Sunday Schools

WHEATON, ILL. (EP)—Of the nation's 20 largest Sunday schools, 17 are Baptists, according to a seminarian's survey reported in the Sept. 1968 issue of Christian Life magazine published here.

Average weekly attendance of the top 20 is 2,811, says Elmer Towns, professor of Christian education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and each employs an average size staff of 364.

The article also stated that the number one Sunday school in size is the Akron Baptist Temple in Akron, Ohio averaging

a weekly Sunday School attendance of 6,300 with a staff of 920.

"Basically, these Sunday schools have in common a conviction on the part of the minister and members of the Sunday school staff that men and women must be converted to Jesus Christ," says Professor Towns.

Vietnam Refugees To Receive 50,000 Blankets

LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y. (EP)—The first 1,000 blankets in a projected shipment of 50,000 by the World Relief Commission was delivered personally to refugees of the Vietnam conflict by the Commission's executive vice president, Dr. Everett S. Graffam.

Stopping in the Southeast Asia country, Dr. Graffam also made arrangements for purchase and delivery of another 5,500 blankets. He was on a 15-country worldwide hop surveying and appraising the relief commission's work in needy countries.

The work is two-dimensional, as noted by the slogan: "Food for the body and food for the soul." The Commission originated as the relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Negroes Seek Ecclesiastical Power

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Despite the announced good intentions of all denominations toward racial harmony,

Negroes are finding little of the acceptance among white congregations they had hoped for.

The words belong to the Rev. J. Metz Rollins, executive director of the National Council of Negro Churchmen formed less than a year ago.

"What we are seeking is ecclesiastical power within the framework of the predominantly white church—power to help set goals and programs, to find a genuine place for the expression of black culture and identity," he is quoted in the Aug. 26 issue of U.S. News and World Report. "The establishment must take this seriously and come to terms with it, or black Christians will feel there is no place for them in those denominations."

There are an estimated two million Negroes in predominantly white denominations, a figure well below the combined membership of the two largest Negro churches, the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Roman Catholicism claims almost 800,000 Negro worshippers, the magazine said. Even so, they represent barely two percent of the total Catholic population of the U. S.

Negroes account for only 400,000 or so of the 11 million members of the United Methodist Church, and for 90,000 out of 3.4 million Episcopalians.

by cleo pursell

THE PURPOSE of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention is to promote the work of our denomination as set up by the National Association and to secure the cooperation of our women in supporting all missionary endeavors of our denomination. This is accomplished through a program of study, prayer, stewardship, benevolence, and evangelism.

The influence of the national office reaches deep into the hearts of hundreds of local auxiliaries. While it is true that local, state, and district groups do make plans of their own for the promotion of their work, actually the major plans are made in the national convention itself. This organization fosters and promotes the program of work which all other groups embrace.

The greatest influence of the national convention is found in its literature and supplies. The thinking of thousands of auxiliary members is largely shaped by the printed word issued by the convention through the quarterly publication, *Co-Laborer*, study course books, and other literature provided by WNAC.

In this office records and accounts are kept of *Co-Laborer* Fund receipts, convention fees, seasons of prayer offerings for missions, miscellaneous gifts to missions and/or missionary objectives received from state treasurers and other donors. Detailed written reports of all these accounts are made quarterly to the executive committee and an annual report to the convention. Monthly allocations of all missions receipts are distributed to the missions boards, Bible colleges, etc.

From this office are mailed thousands of pieces of literature and countless numbers of letters filled with answers to myriad queries regarding Woman's Auxiliary work.

A student loan fund is maintained by WNAC for students who have completed

at least one year at Free Will Baptist Bible College. WNAC believes that one of the best means of promoting missions is through assisting students in the Christian training that they might more effectively carry out the Great Commission.

Almost daily, boxes containing linens, towels, pressure cookers, Melmac, stainless steel flatware, bedspreads, and layettes are received in the WNAC office. These are gifts for the missionary provision closet, a service provided for missionaries. Missionary candidates may obtain items from the closet before leaving for their assigned fields. Those on furlough may replenish their supplies any time before returning to their fields. The office staff must inventory, acknowledge, and keep records of each item received or disbursed.

These multiple duties are performed by a staff of only two full time workers. Mrs. Cleo Pursell, executive secretary-treasurer, is entrusted with the general administration of the whole WNAC program of work. She also edits and supervises publication of all WNAC literature and supplies, including *Co-Laborer*, and processes all student loans. Promotional work outside the office is done as time and circumstances permit. Mrs. Iva Mae Hunter serves as receptionist, bookkeeper, and circulation manager of *Co-Laborer*.

WNAC seeks to live up to its name as an *auxiliary* or *helper*. The past fiscal year the following contributions to denominational work were made: Foreign Missions—\$34,171.44; Home Missions—10,954.43; Free Will Baptist Bible College—4,981.95; Student Loan Fund—3,884.59; Missionary Provision Closet—10,176. This does not include several thousand dollars paid directly to the boards nor the miscellaneous gifts to children's homes and superannuation. We are "laborers together with God."



woman to woman



by CLEO PURSELL

Woman of the Week

Mrs. D. W. Rogers, Cushing, Oklahoma, was recently featured as *Woman of the Week* by the local news media. She is the mother of two children, Mrs. R. E. Kirk, of Stroud, and Phillip E. Rogers of the home, and five grandchildren.

A longtime member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mrs. Rogers has a long list of activities in her church work. Included in her activities are serving as youth director, teacher of the pre-school Sunday school class, personal service chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary, field secretary of the Central Quarterly meeting, also field secretary of the Tulsa area and Central meeting of the First Mission Association.

She is also active in the local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, having served as president of the local organization for the past two years, and Payne County president for the past three years. Some of the recent activities of the local organization include sponsoring an essay and poster contest for students in the Cushing school system.

Mrs. Rogers has served as president of the local Inter-Church Women's group for the past nine years. Giving of her time and talents, Mrs. Rogers is indeed an asset to her church and community.

Woman Commissioner

Mrs. Flora Weaver, Bristow, Oklahoma, was recently elected to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Creek County commissioner, J. W. Weaver. Mr. Weaver was serving his nineteenth year at the time of his death this summer.

The mother of two children—Jimmy, a pre-law student at Oklahoma University, and Phillip of the home—Mrs. Weaver easily won the election in a special called session. She is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Bristow.

Fountain of Youth

A woman searching for the fountain of youth should stop looking for it in cosmetic jars and instead should take a greater interest in the world around her, so says Betty Scripps, the lovely, vivacious newspaper columnist.

"Nothing ages a woman faster than boredom," says Mrs. Scripps, who believes a woman will do more toward staying young by involving herself in stimulating or worthwhile activities and by exercising, eating and sleeping properly than she will by relying solely on expensive creams.

"Once a woman passes the age of 30, it's almost mandatory that she have some interest outside of the home if she wants to continue to look young," whether it's a job, church activities, club work, or charities, she said.

"In the United States, there is too much advertising about creams, makeups and beauty preparations," she added. "Basically, a woman, if she just uses soap and water and maybe a moisturizer, plus correct diet and sleep, would probably achieve more in the way of beautiful skin."

Betty defines charm as "a warmth, an outward sweetness, interest in other people, interest in listening to what they have to say, encouraging conversation in other persons . . . charm certainly is not being cold and disinterested."

On the Practical Side

• "Locked out" is no longer the plaintive cry at the home of Bertra Kusik, Arcadia, California. "Our busy household, teeming with the varied activities of two teenagers and two young adults besides my husband and me, regularly presents the dilemma of someone's forgetting or losing his house key. I have finally solved the spare-key problem. If any of us misplaces his key, he has only to whistle for Fritzi, our dachshund. On

Fritzi's collar, along with the usual license tag and nameplate, is an extra key. Strangers at the gate are met with a loud, fierce, barking racket, so the key is quite safe for family members only."

• Your family might enjoy this special way of preparing sweet potatoes. After cooking and draining them, mash the potatoes, using butter, salt and fruit juice—orange, pineapple or pineapple blend.

• If you have trouble with the bottom crust of your fruit pies becoming soggy, try sprinkling a few dry bread crumbs on the crust before putting in your filling. Or sprinkle a few vanilla wafer crumbs or finely ground nuts to give a little more flavor. The crumbs will take up much of the juice.

• Melt your paraffin in a discarded coffee pot for easy pouring when making jams and jellies. Extra wax can be stored in the pot and remelted as needed.

• Cleaning glass or ceramic casseroles that have burned-on bits of food (especially around the edges)? Spray with oven cleaner, let stand 20 minutes, then wash in sudsy hot water. You'll find that no scouring is needed.

Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Season

Woman's Auxiliaries should plan now for the Pre-Thanksgiving Season of Prayer with offerings going to National Home Missions. The general fund of the Home Missions Department is badly in need of funds. Special offering envelopes may be obtained without charge by writing the Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

GEM

Dad says he remembers when you spoke of a skirt "halfway to the knees" and meant from the ankles.

cooperative giving

TRAINING

continued

employees are used in a variety of roles to assist in planning youth activities.

Teen leader, Peggy Paramore; Adventurer leaders, Sigbee and Mary Dilda; youth editor, June Critcher, and others join in planning and promoting the various special youth activities. Planning sessions have already been held for next year's activities.

One of the most recent programs to be launched by the National CTS Department is one of leadership training. A camp site with one hundred and fifty-seven acres has been purchased for development as a *National Leadership Training Center*. A major portion of the responsibility for the development and maintenance of the leadership program is under the supervision of Ray Turnage. He is serving in an advisory capacity and conducting specific programs on a part-time basis. Plans are to develop a year-round program of camps and retreats.

Additional staff members, full-time and part-time, include Brenda Walker, Linda Dibble, Dennis Teague, Pat Lanus, Kathy Oliver, Bobby Hayes, Sallie Hayes, Charles Francen, Mary Frances Phenicie, and Catherine Green. Other part-time help, often Bible College students, is used from time to time. The entire CTS staff are a group of dedicated workers serving Christ through their denomination.

Church Training Service is supported financially through sale of literature, co-operative program, and direct gifts from the local CTS. One major financial drive is conducted annually and regular monthly support by each local CTS is encouraged. Due to low volume of distribution, some CTS publications are subsidized and the cost of various promotional activities such as visiting state meetings and conducting workshops is met by the department.

GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES EFFECT A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT

August 30, 1968

	August 1968	Year to Date	Total To August 1967	Designated
Alabama	\$	\$ 3,114.05	\$ 2,060.98	\$
Arizona		923.05	1,324.06	923.05
Arkansas	1,000.62	6,019.69	3,212.06	
California	381.91	3,767.06	4,303.98	
Florida		3,625.87	3,905.60	
Georgia		1,569.08	2,156.69	
Idaho	15.89	176.39	216.53	
Illinois	890.44	5,612.77	5,187.61	
Indiana		477.05	287.37	
Kansas		652.21	716.50	
Kentucky	174.50	1,213.74	250.00	
Louisiana		99.39	256.26	
Michigan	790.20	2,729.84	1,970.27	1,255.92
Missouri	2,591.58	15,746.09	14,970.33	
New Hampshire			323.16	
New Jersey		74.00	102.00	
New Mexico	22.26	446.64	230.50	
North Carolina	124.71	1,450.85	1,478.94	
Ohio	64.48	2,066.20	2,346.90	
Oklahoma	1,458.47	12,366.50	11,259.17	
Tennessee	96.50	2,493.98	3,893.27	1,064.95
Texas		1,024.57	1,582.99	
Virginia	355.86	4,422.50	4,437.16	
Washington & Oregon ..	46.50	594.37	267.07	
Wisconsin	10.00	90.00		

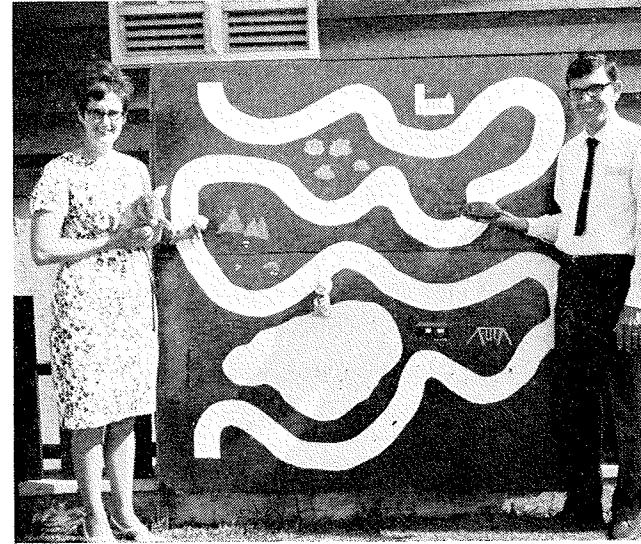
COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Dept.	\$3,390.99	\$21,213.86	\$13,542.69	\$ 284.00
Foreign Missions	1,763.96	16,695.28	19,335.82	1,187.16
FWB Bible College	1,247.35	14,105.63	14,033.88	621.98
Home Missions	892.34	9,872.92	10,720.17	667.27
Church Training Serv. ..	389.89	4,969.05	6,641.39	310.83
Superannuation Board ..	193.46	2,441.40	1,992.87	112.30
Master's Men	114.77	1,397.47		
FWB Home for Children	31.16	60.38		

CONTACT

Sunday School
Attendance Increases
During the

RACE between the HARE and TORTOISE



Barbara Golden and Jim Ware, team captains, are shown holding their teams' mascots as they stand before the simulated race track. The stuffed turtle and rabbit indicate the respective team's progress.

THE HARE and the tortoise have been at it again, but this time the setting varies a bit from the story of Primary days. The First Free Will Baptist Church of East Wenatchee, Washington adapted an idea from the Church Extension Service in Golden, Colorado and initiated a five-week Sunday school contest featuring these two lovable story-book characters as mascots for the race.

The Sunday school divided into two teams, with Jim Ware heading the tortoise group, and Barbara Golden, the hares. Points were given as follows: ½ mile was awarded for each member present; ½ mile for each Bible brought; 1 mile for each visitor and 2 miles for each new member (who came three consecutive Sundays). Badges picturing the turtle or the rabbit identified the respective team members, and red or green ribbons pinned on the visitors made it easy to locate them when counting points.

A painted cardboard five feet square served as the simulated race setting and depicted a white track which wound around a lake, through a park, over hill and dale to climax at the 300-mile goal. A stuffed turtle and rabbit attached to the track showed the progress of the respective teams as they moved forward toward the goal each week. The team captains also brought their live mascots to add more enthusiasm within the younger group.

The tortoise team, contrary to the book race, jumped to a quick lead accumulating 40½ miles the first Sunday, compared to the 37 gained by the hare

team. It was a close race all the way with each team being encouraged by their respective captains and by appropriate devotionals pointing out the danger of going to sleep and not keeping alert. For the benefit of those who had never heard the story, a record of that memorable story-book race was played.

The score was close each Sunday, with the miles varying only slightly between the two teams. The final tally showed the hare barely won "by a hair" as the tortoise team closed the gap during the last week.

In addition to the team effort, individuals competed for prizes in the various classes and were awarded prizes as follows: whatever grade they received on their Sunday school report slips, plus one point for each visitor and two points for each new member. In the adult group, Velma Fulbright received the prize of a picture of Christ; in the Junior through Senior group, Kenneth Kytte, a Junior, and Debbie Peart, an Intermediate, were both awarded stamp books for camp. In the Beginner through Primary groups the awards were—you guessed it—the live mascots, a live tortoise shipped all the way from Arkansas went to Theodore Banning, and the live hare to Tammy Peart.

According to superintendents Andy Funston and Helen Warnett, the contest boosted the attendance for the early summer from a usual 70-80 average to an average usually exceeding 100.

PROBLEMS

Continued

yourself as a helpless victim of an uncontrollable condition. Worry is a sin for two reasons: (1) Worry is distrust in God and (2) worry is detrimental to the temple of God.

When you worry, you accuse God of falsehood. God's Word says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). Worry says, "Thou liest, O God!" God's Word says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). Worry says, "Thou liest, O God!" God's Word says, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on . . . for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (Matthew 6:31,32). Worry says, "Thou liest, O God!"

It is highly insulting to call a man a "liar." Think how infinitely more inexcusable it is to accuse the Sovereign God of falsehood. He is the God "who cannot lie." (See Titus 1:2 and I John 5:10.)

Worry is sin because it undermines our Christian witness and is detrimental to the temple of God. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." When you worry you violate His will as expressed in this verse. A worrying Christian can never become a successful soul-winner. How can he persuade men to trust in Christ when he, himself, cannot believe God in all things? Isaiah the Prophet said, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

The Bible teaches us that God dwells in the heart of every believer. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you" (I Cor. 3:16)? Other Scriptures such as I Corinthians 6:19, I Peter 2:5, and Galatians 4:6 teach us this important doctrine. Worry can destroy the temple of God which is your own body. Some of the ailments caused by worry are heart trouble, high blood pressure, some forms of asthma, rheumatism, ulcers, thyroid malfunction, arthritis, migraine headaches, blindness, and a host of stomach disorders apart from ulcers. It also is said to cause palpitations of the heart, pains in the back of the neck, indigestion, nausea, constipation, diarrhea, dizziness, unexplainable fatigue, insomnia, allergies, and is thought by leading authorities to be the cause of several other disorders.

Worry is a sin! Any way you look at it, it is a result of our failure to trust God and believe His Word. Christians who worry need to practice I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

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Students are the reason colleges exist. It is, therefore, reasonable to expect that any college that is fulfilling the purpose for its founding will experience a steady enlarging of its student body. In 1942 Free Will Baptist Bible College opened with 10 students. By the end of that first school year a total of 16 had enrolled. The next year, the figure doubled. By 1946, in just four years, the student body numbered 69. The century barrier was broken in 1950 with an enrollment of 104. That figure doubled in nine years, with 218 students registering in 1959. In 1961 student registration reached 327; in 1965, 354; in 1966, 430. This fall 411 students enrolled.

Year by year, as the student body has grown, it has been necessary to expand the school's physical plant in order to keep abreast. The school began in a lone 3-story building. This served as dormitory, dining hall, classroom building, chapel and in every other capacity for the students enrolled for the first few years. In 1945, the College launched its first expansion campaign and purchased a second building located nearby. The first building constructed specially for Bible College use was the Memorial Auditorium, completed in 1951. Since that time there has been a rapid growth of physical facilities, keeping pace with the growth in student enrollments. Today the campus includes a student lounge, dining hall, three women's dormitories, one large men's dormitory, an administration building, a library, and a new 3-story classroom building. Eleven buildings now rest on the Bible College's seven-acre campus.

Growth has been experienced in other ways. Giving to the school has climbed from \$18,000 to more than \$250,000 annually. From a faculty of two, the school has grown to include 21 full and part-time teachers.

For this growth, in all its forms, we offer thanks to God for the faithfulness of our Free Will Baptist people.

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