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## THE NEW KINGDOM

### Part 4. The Great Image of Iron and Clay.

By Elder Everett Wilson

The historical facts of the fulfillment, up to the present time of the second chapter of Daniel, as we can see it now in these closing days, ought to convince the most skeptical mind of the truth of God's Word. Four great world empires are to rule until the time the "Stone cut out of the mountain without hands" (Dan. 2:45) smites the image and grinds it to powder, and no place is found for it (Dan. 2:35), and the smiting Stone becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. This will surely be a wonderful time on earth.

This vision is all very strange to us, because of the fact, it was revealed to a Gentile king. No doubt God had raised him up for no other purpose than to punish Israel for their sins. After this Gentile king became great, it came into his mind, what was to happen to his kingdom in the "latter days" (Dan. 2:29), and so God gave him a very startling vision, which his mind could not retain, and after so much was shown to him, it yet remained for the much beloved Daniel to go before God in prayer for a revelation of the forgotten dream. I am sure if there had been any earthly power to reveal such secrets the wise men of Babylon would have had that power to reveal to Nebuchadnezzar his dream, for their lives were at stake if they failed. It is sure today as well as then, the secrets of the Lord can only be revealed and understood by men who are led by the Spirit. And so in answer to prayer, Daniel did not only reveal the future and fall of the four great world powers, but also told the forgotten dream. History today shows how accurate the interpretation was.

The wise men of Babylon consisted of the greatest minds of the day, also men of power in the art of magic, or in touch with evil spirits, or witchcraft. No possible chance was overlooked to solve any dark or hidden mystery that might come up in so great a kingdom as Babylon. No doubt there were those who would like to overthrow the kingdom and usurp it for themselves; any conspiracy might prove fatal to the security of the crown, and so groups of wise men, masters in their various lines, were chosen and kept in readiness, to be called by the king at any time, in case of emergency. These groups consisted of Magicians, Astrologers, Sorcerers and Chaldeans.

After Nebuchadnezzar had seen the vision of this great image, and it was terrible to him, it had left his mind, and only dread remained, and his greatest desire was to know the meaning of a dream that

could cause him so much concern. No doubt he knew that it had much to do with himself and his kingdom, for such thoughts had been coming to him, and now the possibility of missing the very thing he wanted to know, when it was seemingly so near, and yet how far. Only God could reveal this secret, and Nebuchadnezzar did not know Him. How could he get in touch with such an one as only the Hebrew captives knew? For a king to call for his prisoners to make known such a dream was not once in his mind. So he called in at once those whom he hoped could reveal this very important secret, but all in vain, there was no power in the wisdom of men, nor in magic, and evil spirits did not know the future that God held in His own hand. So all the wise men failed, and only one thing was left for them to do, and that was to try and save their own lives, and proceeded to put off the king's matter until he would forget it, or it wore off. But not so, they must tell it or die. Daniel and his fellow prisoners were sought to be slain with the wise men of Babylon, although they were not of the same group or class as those called by the king. When this was made known to Daniel, he desired a little time to reveal the secret to the king. "For he that believeth shall not make haste" (Isa. 28:16). So Daniel and his companions waited upon God in prayer; and the secret was revealed to Daniel the prophet, and why not? "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7). Hallelujah, again the Word of God proves itself in a time of need.

Daniel answered in the presence of the king and said, "The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; but there is a God in Heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these" (Dan. 2:27, 28).

Notice here, "The latter days," or the closing up of this great image age, lasting from the days of Babylon until the beginning of the New Kingdom, set up on the earth, and all the kingdoms represented by the different divisions of the image are done away with. They are: (1) Head of gold, Babylon, the great rich kingdom; (2) breast and arms of silver, a dual kingdom, Medes and Persians; (3) belly and thighs of brass, the Grecian Empire, with Alexander the Great as the first king; (4) legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay, or Rome. No one will question that these four kingdoms have come and gone as predicted. We will deal more fully with each of them when we come to Dan. VII.

Daniel does not say much about the first three

kingdoms in either the second or seventh chapters of Daniel, but he does say much about the fourth kingdom, because it will continue in some form until the "Smiting Stone," which is Jesus Christ, comes (v. 34). Then notice, after the smiting of this great image, and it is ground to powder and driven away by the wind (v. 35), that the "Smiting Stone" becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. Notice here, this Stone was cut out of a mountain, which I think must be the Kingdom of God, and that the Stone becomes a mountain or kingdom filling the whole earth, or the kingdom of Christ reigning in the earth, upon the throne of His Father David. The redeemed saints of all nations rejoice, that they are to reign as kings and priests unto God, on the earth (Rev. 5:10). This surely is not the new heaven and new earth that is to come, so must precede it and will be the reign of Christ during the one thousand years when He is King of the Jews.

"In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (Dan. 2:44). Days of these kings, seems to me, these kingdoms represented by the image in the vision, and the Kingdom God has set up, is that kingdom into which men enter by the new birth, and become heirs with Christ, and will rule with Him while He is the King in Israel. As these kingdoms fell one after another, they have been taken by other people and not by the Jews, and the Jews have never come into their possessions, but when the Stone smites the image they will come into their own with Christ their own King. Some writers seem to think there will be ten kings ruling in the revived Roman Empire, represented by the ten toes mixed with iron and clay. It seems to me that the iron would have to prevail if it was a revival of the Roman Empire, but it cannot do this, because it is mingled with clay. I think that all that is left of the power of the Iron Kingdom at the final end will be located in the scarlet woman of Rev. XVII, and that the Smiting Stone is the same event as we find in Zech. XIV and Rev. XIX:11-21 and Rev. XVI:13-16, namely, the battle of Armageddon. The 18th chapter of Rev. is wholly given to the final destruction of this iron or fourth kingdom, under the name Babylon the Great, etc. (Rev. 17:5).

Babylon, "the head of gold," fell by the hands of the Medes and Persians, B. C. 538, and was never to be rebuilt as the first city (Isa. 13:17-22). This overthrow is fully recorded in the fifth chapter of Daniel. We will devote our next article to this subject. God calls cities and kingdoms by names befitting their time and character. In a recent article we noted He called Germany "Chaldean" (Hab. 1:6). Also Jerusalem, during the reign of the Antichrist, He calls Egypt and Sodom, where also our Lord was crucified (Rev. 11:8), now we know He was crucified in Jerusalem. When Imperial Babylon fell their headquarters were moved to Pergamos, thence to Rome where they remain until this day, hence the name, "Babylon the Great." After the edict of Constantine, abolishing idolatry in Rome in A. D. 331, Rome weds pagan ceremonies to Christian doctrine; so as we study the fall of Babylon the Great, in Revelation and Daniel, we

must see the fall of the city that sits on "seven hills."

The Lord's dealing with Babylon and Tyre are subjects of such nature that they should be deeply impressed upon the mind of every Bible reader, as they will prove a wonderful source of faith in prophecy. We are living in a time of history making, so many facts of what God has said He would do to these cities has been unearthed, and found to be true. It seems, when men began to doubt God's Word, the very stones and ruins of ancient cities cried out the truth of the awful fate the prophets had cried out against these God-rejecting cities and their people. If men would only believe God's Word, and not try to twist it to suit their own minds, but even if they do it will not change the Word of God, nor cause any part of it to fail, yet it may blind those so doing, that they will not be able to see the signs of the speedy coming of the last great day. We have no means of judging the returning of the King to earth but by signs and conditions set forth in God's Word.

The ten toes of the Iron Kingdom seems to be the scripture upon which the revival of the Roman Empire is based. It is true there will be ten kings, which have received no power as kings, but will receive such power with the Beast or Antichrist (Rev. 17:12). It is sure the Beast, or Antichrist, or Man of Sin, as he is called, does not revive Rome, or Babylon the Great, the city on seven hills, all these names apply to the same city, and the Beast is against her, and so are the ten kings that reign with him. If the ten toes do represent ten kings, they will surely be with the clay and not cleave to the iron, for John makes it clear that they rule only with the Beast. If they are kings at all they are dormant until the coming of Antichrist, and would be kings only in name. Number ten seems to be associated with world kingdoms so much, and shows that the spirit of iniquity, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience, could have in readiness ten kingdoms, or a league of nations, over which these ten kings might reign with the Antichrist, who is not a kingdom, but a "king of fierce countenance understanding dark sentences" (Dan. 8:23). Surely the world is now crying for a man of this type, who is sure to come by popular demand. To forget God is to deify man, and that man will be the Man of Sin, or in place of Christ, truly antichrist. To reject Christ was, by kingly decree, to release Barabbas.

Fragments of the Roman Empire still exist, but as an Imperial Monarchy, it has long since ceased to function, but took up the only means left to her, by which she hoped to perpetuate herself, and that by the doctrine of "direct apostolic succession." Millions believe that doctrine until this day. In this form the iron will meet her final ruin during the reign of the Man of Sin, Antichrist, whom Christ will destroy with the brightness of His coming (2 Thess. 2:8). That this is yet future is sure, but how far future no one knows, and that the reign of Christ will follow the fall of "Babylon the Great" and His kingdom will cover the whole earth, for the "Stone becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth." This is not the New Heaven and the new earth, for that will be turned back to the Father, and Christ himself will be in subjection to the Father as at the first (1 Cor. 15:24-28). Surely the New Kingdom is in sight now.

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## HERE AND THERE WITH THE EDITOR

First of all I want to say that I am glad that I am able again to be on the job at the Gem office. I have heard people say, "I am here by being careful" (I don't like to hear any Christian say that), for we are here by the grace of God.

On Friday afternoon, July 6th, Bro. John Swaffar and I left Purdy and went, first to Hurley for a supply of medicine from the old doctor, then we drove on toward St. Louis. We stopped for the night between Springfield and Lebanon and arrived at St. Louis just after noon Saturday, July 7th. That night we were at the F. W. B. church for services. I spent the day Sunday visiting with my sisters-in-law at Nashville, Ill. Had a good visit, then returned to St. Louis for services Sunday night. They have a lively bunch at their little church, and the power of God was manifested in the salvation of one precious soul, a young man, and several others asked for prayer. We were in the homes of Elders W. C. Hill, E. T. Vestal and C. O. Ferguson, where we enjoyed real Christian fellowship, and really felt at home.

Monday forenoon we visited the Shaw Gardens and the National Park. We could see only a little of what is there, but it is wonderful.

Then Monday afternoon we drove down to Flat River, where we spent two weeks in a "School of the Bible," which is reported in this issue of the Gem. We were really busy during these two weeks, but enjoyed it in spite of the intense heat.

Flat River church is one of our largest churches, with a membership of nearly 500. They have a good building that compares favorably with the other large churches of the town.

We received a real welcome and were made to feel at home in all the homes we visited, but we stayed most of the time at the home of Bro. Jas. F. Miller the beloved pastor of Flat River church, and at the home of Bro. C. E. Wilkerson.

We also visited with Sisters Anna Reed and Tommie Franklin at Desloge, where Sister Franklin is pastor. We enjoyed two services at the Desloge church, one a mid-week day service, and we had our last service at Desloge on Sunday night, then drove back to Bro. Miller's for the night, and started from there on our homeward journey early Monday morning, July 23rd. and reached home about 4 p. m.

We also enjoyed one day service at the Oak Grove church where Bro. Wm. Reeves is pastor.

Sunday, July 15th, we were at the Mine La Motte church, both at 11:00 o'clock and at night. We enjoyed being with these good people once more, also enjoyed a visit with Bro. Alex Wampler during the day. and there are others we would mention if we had the space to do so.

Since coming home we have been really busy, doing job printing and getting the Gem out for Aug.

We are printing a book giving the "Life Story of E. T. Vestal," one of our young preachers of St. Louis. A more detailed announcement of this book will appear in the Gem next month. The book will sell at 50 cents a copy, and every one of you should read it. —The Editor.

**SOUTH CHARLESTON, W. VA.**

June 24, 1934.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I wish to say I was more than sorry to know that our editor was sick. I was looking for the paper for several days, wondering what was wrong; but when I got the paper and saw that Bro. Brown had been sick, it brought to my mind the uncertainty of health and life and the certainty of death. Some time some of us may look for the Gem and not get it for some time, for the Lord may need Bro. Brown and call him home, then it would take some time to make the change.

The Magizen Free Will Baptist church in Charleston, W. Va., where I am a member is holding a revival. Last night was our regular church meeting and it closed Bro. Floyd Jeffrey's time as pastor for the year. Bro. Chas. Wadkins is holding the revival. We laid the election of pastor over till Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in July, hoping and praying that some good may be accomplished in Magizen church. We have only twenty-two members, five of them preachers, and part of our members are not able to attend the meeting, but I will say I truly believe that there is real brotherly love throughout the whole church.

Pray for us, that we may hold on to God's unchanging hand till a real revival comes in our church.

Your in Christ,  
F. E. Nicholas.

**MIDWAY, TEXAS, July 23, '34.**

Dear Mission Workers:

I am praising the blessed Master this morning for the privilege of writing to you again.

It seems that the Gem gets better all the time, and is full of so many good things each time.

Well, since we last wrote death has visited our family and taken away our sister-in-law. She was very ill for several weeks and it was her request that I come and be with her to the end. She was such a sweet Christian. Everything was done that could be done to keep her with us. They had her in the best hospitals, had trained nurses and everything, but she came back to her home in Bedias, Texas, and went from

there to Heaven. It was a big funeral. My brother-in-law is left alone. The death angel came in January and took their only son.

After I returned from Bedias, I started a meeting here at a weak church, on Pine Prairie, and up to date we have had fifty conversions and reclaims, thirty added to the church, and twenty baptized. I will be here another week. Mr. McAdams has helped a lot in this meeting, and I will be glad when he is able to be back for full time; he is much better than he was.

It is almost time for our quarterly meetings again, and we sure would love to step in and see you dear mission and league workers and hear your good programs, but God is wonderfully blessing us here. We trust that the good work is growing there too. And it seems that we ought to do our best, as the time is so short to work for the Master. The harvest is white but the laborers are few.

We will be in Bedias, Texas with our next meeting, so pray for us, that God will give many souls. God is visiting the people in partial famines, and we almost have one here, the crops, and especially the corn and gardens are burned up, and with all these things coming on, people don't repent and give God the glory.

With best wishes and prayers for the Gem family,

Yours for Jesus,  
Lizzie McAdams

**DENISON, TEXAS**

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I have been silent for some time, but now I feel that it is my duty to make a report. I have been asked many times why I didn't give in more reports. When asked this question, I think of the job a full time pastor has. He is expected to have the learning of a scholar, the logic of a lawyer, the eloquence of an orator, the peripatetic energies of a family doctor, the gifts of an artist, the experience of a specialist in child-nurture, architecture, music, literature, psychology, pedagogy, and every aspect of community welfare, the wizardry of a financier, the popularity of a Rotarian, and the sanctity of a saint, all for the salary of a janitor in a modern apartment house. Those who have been in the active pastorate

will be ready to add to the statement, but yet the half has never been told.

I have just returned from the Eastern Conference at Jakin, Ga., which was a wonderful trip. Eld. J. L. Waltman of Cushing, Okla., Eld. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla. and myself went over together. We were happy indeed to know there were so many good Free Will Baptist. We are glad to report that we are going to have a delegation from the East in our Genral Co-operative meeting, which convenes here at my church in Denison, Texas in the month of November of this year. We are looking forward to one of the best meetings we have ever had. We are already preparing for this meeting.

If you don't believe I have some good members in the Denison church, come over and meet them. Our church is on fire for God. My first sermon here was Dec. 3, 1933. Since then the Lord has wonderfully blessed, we have had fifteen additions to the church, the Lord has saved twenty-nine precious souls, and I have baptized ten.

Well, I do not want to forget to say hello to Bro. and Sister Hudson in Jakin, Ga., where we stayed during the Conference. May God richly bless you, I know you will read this letter, because you sent in your subscription to the Gem.

As clerk of the First Mission Association, I am glad to report of its rapid growth. The last quarterly conference convened with Oglesby church of which Eld. W. D. Stinnett is pastor. Fourteen churches were represented by letter and others gave verbal reports. There are nineteen churches in First Mission Association. It was a wonderful service from start to finish.

I would like to receive a postal card from every reader of the Gem that is going to attend the meeting here in November; this will help us in making preparations to care for the delegation.

Yours for Christ,  
Bert F. Rogers, 401 W. Munson St.

**OGLESBY, OKLA.**

Free Will Baptist Church Notes

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I was gone most of last month, caring for the sick and canning

berries, and I am glad to be back home with my family and be with the church again.

The revival started at Oglesby the day I had to leave, and how I did wish to be with them in the meetings. Sister Newman helped our pastor, Bro. D. W. Stinnett, in the two weeks' meeting. We had a wonderful meeting here and several souls were saved, and if we all pray and hold on to God, there will be more souls saved. We had a baptizing just after the revival closed and there were three baptized.

The quarterly meeting was held here at Oglesby the last of May.

Bro. Stinnett delivered us a wonderful message yesterday at 11:00 and at night. We have our regular prayer meeting on Wednesday night, our mission meeting on Tuesday evening and Sunday school every Sunday. We are doing fine at Oglesby, there being about 55 or more members. I believe it will be a year in July since Bro. D. W. Stinnett came to Oglesby and started the revival and organized our church. We are glad for our little church at Oglesby, and doing all we can for God. Bro. Opal Staires of Zion Hill church, and some of his good brothers and sisters from there meet with us quite often, and we enjoy having them with us, and we enjoyed having brothers and sisters from other churches with us during the Q. M., and we are praying that they will meet with us again some time.

Remember us in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

Jessie Huff.

### YOUR CHURCH BUDGET

I have always been a stickler for our State Budget System, because I believe it is the easiest and most impartial way of financing the work. It is such a small amount per capita, so that anyone can pay it, and it is so distributed that it is equal among all, and the appropriation of the money derived from it is so restricted that there is no danger whatever of it being wasted; so in what way could the budget system be objected to? Only ten cents per resident member from each church is asked, half to go to the clerk of your local association for your associational expenses, and half to the state clerk for State expenses; and remember that, ac-

cording to a vote of the State Association the state's part can't be used only as ordered by the State Association, or the State board.

Now if your church budget has not been paid in for your delegates to take to your coming association, then get busy at once and raise it in some way. It doesn't just have to come from each member, but an amount equal to ten cents per resident member is asked for; and there are different ways to raise it, the amount according to your membership is the object. Of course it is nice when each member will pay the dime, but you know there are always some in every church who, from neglect or lack of interest, will not pay.

Why not every pastor make an earnest effort to get a full budget from each of your churches? I am sure if we pastors would boost this budget system more the churches would take hold of it more readily; but there is one thing sure, we are neglecting this budget system to our hurt in that it is holding back the progress of the work. Let us not just be interested around our own doorstep only, but let's be interested over all the state and even outside the state. Let's be awake, God demands lively stones.

Winford Davis.

### BOWDEN, OKLA., July 22, 1934

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Here I come again, with another brief report of our last Eastside Mission meeting.

Our last meeting was held at the Tulsa church. We had a wonderful service all day; but if we are true and faithful to God, we will go to a greater service some time, and I feel it isn't going to be very much longer.

Report from the Tulsa church—180 sick calls, four cottage prayer meetings, had a wonderful revival with 14 saved, 16 additions to the church, 8 baptized, getting along fine for the Master.

Blue Bell reports a number of sick calls, given clothes to needy, paid \$5.00 on their church house, bought stain and stained the floor.

Lawnwood church reports 16 sick calls, four grocery showers, sold three aprons, sold two quilts, and gave two stork showers.

Allen church gave a verbal report. They have their new brick

church house almost finished, but the roof, and are trying hard to get it finished so we can have an old time soul-stirring revival.

New Home gave a verbal report. They are getting along real well, and are making preparations for our camp meeting which starts Aug. 12th, everybody invited.

Bro. Hillard, Bro. Hood and Bro. Melvin Bingham brought us a wonderful message, using as a text, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" The Spirit of the Lord was surely with us all.

Our next meeting will be held at the Allen church. Let us pray more for one another.

May the Lord help us all to live closer to the Master. No matter what may come, I have started for Heaven, and by His grace I expect to go all the way.

Pray for me.

Mrs. J. L. Smith.

### STAR CITY, ARK., July 16, 1934

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

It was voted at our last conference that we have a reporter for our church. My aunt and myself being nominated, the vote was taken three times and each time both received the same number of votes. A decision was made that one report one month and the other the next.

I am enclosing 50 cents for a one year subscription to the Gem. I think it a wonderful paper, just read my first copy a few days ago.

We are proud to tell you folks that we have a wonderful little church at York Town. Not boasting, but we don't believe there is a better one in the state. That is saying a lot, but our people in this community that are Christians, are really walking uprightly and working earnestly for the salvation of sinners and the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

Nine months ago our little church was organized by our beloved Bro. Guinn and has been growing continually since then. During this time we have built a nice little church house which we know the Lord had a hand in, for it just seemed impossible that a little handful of folks without any money whatever could do such a thing; but wherever there is a will, there is a way, and this is one time when the Lord just opened up the way for us.

We know that the Lord is wonderfully blessing us in everything that has been undertaken.

A ten days' revival has just closed, which was conducted by our pastor, Eld. W. M. Guinn of Booneville, Ark. 14 souls were saved during this campaign. Yes, they came to the altar and prayed their way to victory. We believe in old time religion, and the place to get it. Thirteen of these, with thirteen others united with the church, making a total membership of forty-nine (49).

We also have a good Sunday school, prayer meeting and league.

We ask the prayers of all Christians everywhere, that we may continue in the work and keep fighting the devil with all our strength.

Marie Moore.

**GREEN FOREST, ARK.**, July 4th  
Dear Readers of the Gem:

I feel this morning like writing a few lines. As I have not been able to write, and as I am alone this morning, and seeing so many passing that are following sin, I'm impressed to write. Do you think we can follow Christ when we are going to the swimming pool, card tables, dancing halls, as some who call themselves Christians are doing? Jesus said, "My house shall be called the house of prayer" (Matt. 21:13). Instead of following sin let us be in the house of the Lord. You know Jesus wants all Christians to let their light shine; do you think we are letting our light shine when we are following sinful things? May God help us to follow His footsteps, in the path of righteousness, instead of sin. I ask the prayers of all Christians, that I may always follow Jesus.

Mary Hayhurst.

### **EL PASO, TEXAS**

(% Western Gas Co., Plant No. 3)

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

This is my first time to write to the Gem, which is the finest paper in the world to me, and I hope you will lend me a small space. I enjoy reading the Gem, for I am far away from the church of my choice, but I am close to Christ in spirit and in truth.

I enjoy the articles in the Gem. I especially enjoyed brother

Wilson's article on "The New Kingdom". I wish that every Christian would remember the following text: "Ye are the light of the World".

I believe that one thing that is the matter with the world today is that we, as Christians, do not abide by the scriptures in the first chapter and the first verse of Psalms, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." We, as Christians, often are careless and walk in the counsel of the ungodly. And again he says, "Ye are the light of the world Matt. 5:14". How can we be the light of the world, and yet walk in the counsel of the ungodly? Too many of us this day and time are trying to serve two masters and it cannot be done. Again he says in Matt. 5:15, "Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick." Too many of us get up on Sunday morning and light a candle, and place it on a candlestick by going to church, but by Tuesday have it buried under a bushel of card parties, shows and dances. Thus the spiritual light is snuffed out. The spiritual light, the light of the world, the light that makes us realize that we are the sons of God, the true God, the beginning and the end, the God which is the only God able to hear and answer prayers. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

My prayers are that we, as Free Will Baptist, will let our light so shine that we will be as a city that is set on a hill, and cannot be hid. I pray that I may be one in that city that cannot be hid.

I ask the prayers of the Gem family for me and my family. Pray that we will always be found on the battle line for Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,  
A. F. Pierce.

### **DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA**

Dear Gem Readers:

Here we come again, to chat a little while. We don't have such a large report this time: folks say it's too hot to work much, but you know that sounds good to the Devil; it doesn't get too hot nor too cold for him to work.

We met at Vance Chapel church, and had another fine circle meeting. Bro. Epperson is their good pastor. They had a nice report this month. They have had good attendance, been doing lots of quilting, as hot as it is. They have had 8 cottage prayer meetings, the mission has bought three sprays of flowers for friends that have passed away since our last writing, the men at Vance are doing lots of work with the help of their good pastor. They are filling the church with new seats, they have had some job in getting them made.

Cushing was present with their good pastor. They report three cottage prayer meetings, made 160 sick calls, also gave one grocery shower. The juniors at Cushing are still at work, they have made 40 sick calls, have been working helping those in need, they have 80 service hours, have just finished a nice quilt for the Old Ministers' Home.

We had a big bunch from the Arbordale church. They report one quilt ready for sale and another almost done, they visited four sick homes in the last week, their church had an all day service on the 4th of July, and the mission helped by barbecue for that day, but best of all they had three souls saved that day.

Drumright wasn't present in our last meeting, and we missed a report from Jenkins Church. We hope they will be present at our next meeting.

Brother Waltman brought the message based on Matt. 24:4 subject "Watch".

We ask all that read this to pray for us, that our little circle might always be on the watch and be ready for the coming of Christ. Yours for the great Work.

Rev. Hattie Newman.

### **CENTRALIA, OKLAHOMA**

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I want to say a few words to the Gem readers, as it has been a long time since I have written. The Lord has impressed me for a long time to write to you readers of the Gem, so here I sit trying to do as the Lord leads me, praying that I can do more for my Savior who died for me.

Dear sisters and brothers, we



don't do enough for God; let's see if we can't do more for Him in the future than we have in the past. If we haven't time to serve our Master here on earth, He won't have time to stop and take us in when we die. Praying people, let's stop and thank God, for we know the time is coming when we can't work for Him, so let us work for Him while we have time. I thank God for saving my soul, and I know He is the most wonderful Savior to me. He can cheer me when nobody can. People, it does us good to read God's Word. It does me good to read the Gem; it is the best paper I ever read, although I don't get the Gem now.

I ask the prayers of the praying people for our little church at Notch Mound, that it may grow and prosper. I pray that God will send a preacher to this place.

By the grace of God I expect to stand till the end.

I ask the praying people to pray for my husband to be saved.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Beulah Horn.

**TULSA, OKLA.,** June 11, 1934

Dear Mission Workers:

The Tulsa church is glad to report to the Gem that a good work is going on here.

Our average attendance is 45 each week; the average chapters read each week is 123; average sick calls made each week, 31.

We have organized our mission classes into one.

The juniors on one side of the house and the elders on the other side. We elected Eld. Melvin Bingham as teacher and it is conducted as a class in a school room would be.

We have a good interest and the Lord is blessing wonderfully, but we wish to ask the prayers of all the children of God for our church, and especially for our young folks.

If anybody has any good suggestions as to a way to get young folks interested in the work of the Lord the Tulsa church would appreciate it very much if you would let them know too.

Ola Barnett,--- Mission Reporter  
Melvin Bingham, Mission Teacher

## MARRIAGES

### WHITE - HOUSE

(From The Plattsburg Leader)

Miss Sara White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. White, was married to Mr. Milford House, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. T. House, at 4:30 o'clock on Sunday, June 24, at the home of the bride's parents, nine miles north of Plattsburg.

The Rev. E. T. House, father of the groom, officiated, and used the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony. The ceremony was performed in front of the large window in the living room which was decorated with Calla Lilies, daisies, rosebuds, blue snapdragons and babybreath.

The bride wore a cream colored satin dress, with cowl-neck line, with ties in the back. The sleeves were long, puffed at the elbow and close-fitting at the hand. The waistline was close fitting. skirt and waist forming a point in front and a panel in the back. The skirt was floor length, with a train sweeping the floor. She carried an arm bouquet of white Calla Lilies, red rosebuds and baby breath. All her accessories were white.

Miss Melba White, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore an ankle length medium blue canton crepe dress, with white accessories. She carried white lilies, blue snapdragons, red rosebuds and babybreath.

The groom wore a white linen suit with white accessories.

Mr. Rea Carter was best man, and wore a brown business suit.

After the ceremony refreshments were served to the guests. The table was beautifully decorated with pink and white ribbon reaching to the ceiling, and brought to each corner where they were held in place by small bows. A three-tier angel food cake, trimmed in white and pink formed the centerpiece. Two pink candles, in crystal holders were at each end of the table.

Ice cream, with red maraschino cherries, and fruit punch were served with the cake.

The bride was graduated from the Gower high school with the class of 1933. She is a very talented young lady, and will make the man of her choice a good help mate.

The groom is a successful and industrious young farmer. He is engaged in farming with his father-in-law, and the newly-weds will make their home with her parents for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. House left Sunday evening for a trip to the World's Fair.

Those present at the wedding were: Rev. and Mrs. E. T. House, misses Ada and Wava House, Mr. and Mrs. Rea Carter and Patty June, Mrs. Sarah VanDorn, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. White, and Miss Melba White.

### HARRISON - BEATTY

Elder Harry Beatty, 22, of Thayer, Mo., R3, and Miss Lucille Harrison, 19, of Thayer, Mo., R2, were united in marriage June 17, 1934.

The wedding took place in the Shiloh church, near Alton, Missouri, of which Elder Beatty is pastor. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The ring ceremony was used before an evergreen altar, with Rev. John Talley of Thayer officiating.

Ruth Crowell of Thayer was maid of honor; Leroy Staples of Springfield was best man; Norma Rhea Beatty, niece of the groom, and Vida Joe Drye were the flower girls.

Virginia Harrison sister of the bride, Violet Beatty sister of the groom, Trema Mae Hall and Imogene Mooney were arch bearers. All participating were appropriately dressed for the occasion.

Mrs. Pauli played the wedding march before the ceremony, then another selection, "Down By The Golden Gate," after the ceremony.

They received, and happily accepted congratulations from a large circle of relatives, friends, and co-church workers.

### HOUSE - JOHNSON

(From The Maysville Herald)

Miss Opal House, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. T. House, was married to Leon Johnson at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, June 2nd, at the home of the bride's parents, five miles southeast of Maysville. The Rev. E. T. House, father of the bride, officiated and used the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony. The ceremony was performed under an alcove arch which was banked with roses, peonies, baby breath and ferns. The bride wore a taffeta coat suit, complemented with white hat, shoes, gloves and tuck tight handbag. Miss Sara White of Plattsburg was maid of honor. She wore an ankle length dress of lace and net. Milford House, brother of the bride was best man. Miss Ada House and Leslie Culley welcomed the arriving guests and seated them. After the ceremony, a two course luncheon was served. Covers were laid for the immediate families of the bride and groom, Miss White and Mr. Culley. The bride is a graduate of the Maysville High School. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the Maysville High School and the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, holding his A. B. degree in electrical engineering from Rolla. He now holds a responsible position with the Midwestern Pipe and Supply Co. of St. Louis, and after a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will be at home in St. Louis, at 5525 Clemens Avenue.

**VAN BUREN, ARK.,** July 26, 1934.

A successful revival has just been held at Catcher church—it might have been better, but we are rejoicing that seven souls were saved. Elders J. A. Joslin and Glenn Dipboye, past and present pastors, held the meeting. They did some wonderful preaching. I helped them some. I truly believe that God had His way with them.

Lloyd N. Weese.

**Report of the "School of the Bible," held with the Flat River Free Will Baptist Church, July 9th to July 22, 1934.**

At the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, held with the Flat River Free Will Baptist church, September, 1933, Elder Jas. F. Miller was elected Executive Secretary and instructed to arrange the program for the "School of the Bible," and secure a teacher.

Elder B. F. Brown of Purdy, Missouri and others were consulted in regard to such a school of instruction. Bro. Brown was chosen as the teacher.

Bro. Brown came on Monday, July 9, 1934. He was accompanied by Elder John Swaffar of Purdy.

The "School of the Bible" began on Monday night. There were ten Bible subjects selected.

The subjects were:

1. The Doctrine of Creation, Including Man.
2. The Fall of Man, and Promise of a Savior.
3. Results of Sin, Including the Flood.
4. The Law and Sacrifice.
5. The Ministry of John the Baptist.
6. Birth of Christ, Including His Baptism and Ministry.
7. The Crucifixion, a Fulfillment of Prophecy.
8. The Holy Spirit.
9. Christian Doctrines.
10. The Second Coming of Christ.

On Monday night, the first night of the school, the study hour was devoted to the subject of "The Bible and How to Study It, and Rightly Divide its Truths." On Saturday night, the last night of the study, we were instructed in "Church Government, and How to Pastor and Evangelize." These two subjects were not listed as Bible subjects, but are things which pertain to the Bible and maintenance of our church and its doctrines.

The attendance of the school was very good. We enrolled one hundred and two (102) students, and at all the study periods we had a host of visitors, for which we were thankful.

Of the enrollment, eleven (11) were ministers, four (4) of them pastors. We also had a goodly number of Sunday school and League teachers enrolled, but the laity of the several churches constituted the majority of the enrollment. We feel we should also say there were several Juniors enrolled, and really showed a great interest in the study.

Each night we met at 7:30 o'clock, and began with a short devotional service, then Bro. Brown began our study. He usually had an outline on the blackboard for us to copy when we arrived at the church. Each one took great interest in the study hour, which lasted from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m., but the time slipped by so quickly we could hardly realize it was gone.

We are indeed grateful for the able teacher, which we know is a real man of God; and we feel that we can truly say, "He was a teacher sent from God."

We were also glad to have Bro. John Swaffar with us for the "School of the Bible," and hope he has received some everlasting good from the studies. We received great inspiration from the beautiful songs of Zion, which Bro. Swaffar so ably rendered. May God bless him in his work.

We feel that we must bring this report to a close, but before we close, we wish to say something about the closing day.

On Sunday, July 22, 1934, we met as usual at 9:45 a. m. for our Sunday school service, then at 11:00 a. m. Bro. Brown brought us a wonderful message, urging those who were not Christians to make peace with God and that without delay, also exhorting those who were children of God to be true and faithful in the service of our Master.

Then at the noon hour the good mothers of the several churches spread a bountiful dinner in the basement of our church, which was a feast to our temporal bodies, as Bro. Brown's sermon was to our souls.

At 2:30 p. m. we came together again for a wonderful service, which consisted of many beautiful special songs, prayers and testimonies by the saints of God. And we ended this wonderful service with a fellowship handshake and telling Bro. Brown and Bro. Swaffar farewell. May the Lord bless them as they press toward the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

We feel that we were greatly benefitted by this wonderful "School of the Bible," and in our hearts we feel that we are expressing the sentiment of every one who attended the school.

Naomi Lincoln, Sec'y of Enrollment Committee.

#### **STAHL, MISSOURI, July 3, 1934**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

At last I will try to write to the Gem and give a report of our fifth Sunday meeting. I suppose everyone has lost hopes of getting the report, but it seems I can never get things done when they should be done. I ask all to forgive me and try to have a little faith in me, for I really want to do His will.

I ask all who read this to pray for me, that I may do the will of my Savior at all times. I believe if everyone that professes to be a Christian would be true to God we wouldn't have such a hard time getting others to come to Him. Pray for me, that I may be just what He would have me be. I could not be at the December fifth Sunday meeting on account of rainy weather, but will send a report of the last meeting.

The Mission circles held their regular fifth Sunday meeting April 29th, with the New Hope church. In the morning they began by having a real good Sunday school. The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Eld. C. E. Mann, Elders Perkins, Marcum, Phillips, Ewing and Cora Mann, each giving us good thoughts.

At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was served.

In the afternoon the congregation was called to order by singing, and prayer by Bro. Perkins.

The minutes were read and approved. The letters from the different circles were read and approved, also a letter from Sister Melba White was read and enjoyed. Sister White has taken Sister McAdam's place in the mission work.

A locating committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. P. S. Peterson, Mrs. Jesse Peterson, Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Montgomery, Miss Stella Walters, who reported the next meeting to be held with the Welcome Home church, Bro. Perkins to preach at eleven o'clock.

After the business was transacted, we had a very



enjoyable program furnished by the different circles, as follows: Song by Shibley's Point; reading from New Harmony by Mrs. Mary Wellbaum; song by Bethel; solo by Velma Gates of Stahl; song by Green Grove; reading by Pearl Whinery of the Point; reading by Sylvia Sevit of Hazel Creek Union. We then turned the meeting over to the leagues, and they gave us a very enjoyable program.

Bessie Fowler, Secretary.

#### **CUSHING, OKLAHOMA**

Thanks, I believe I will come in and talk with the editor and Gem readers for a little spell. I just got back from Jakin, Ga. and am resting up a bit.

Everything seems to be quiet on the Eastern front. Had a good meeting there, but we didn't come together in a merger, although they were were willing to do so. We met with some of our brethren from West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, also had a report from southern Illinois, where we have a lot of Free Will Baptist. Our brethren from Kentucky thought it best not to act till this fall at our Co-operative Association at Denison, Texas. The East will send a delegation to complete the merger if we see fit to do so, and I hope that we do, and also to organize a western conference, something we need. Those people in Illinois, Kentucky and West Virginia and up that way, I think will be with us for which we are glad, so let us look forward to the greatest move the Free Will Baptist have ever made, that will give us one body throughout the U. S. A.; so let's work together for the cause of Christ in America. I would be glad to see every state send a delegation to our General Co-operative Assoriation this fall and let's do something for the Lord.

Elder J. L. Waltman.

#### **VERONA, MISSOURI June, 1934**

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

If you will allow me a small space in the dear little Gem, I would like to say a few words. I have never written to the Gem before, but I have learned to love it so much; it is just like getting letters from old friends when we get the Gem, altho I don't know very many of the Free Will Baptist people, but hope to know more in the near future. I have only been with the Free Wills ten months. I am so glad I ever joined this little Happy Hill church, we have such good times together serving the Lord; we try to make one welcome. We had such a wonderful meeting Sunday and Sunday night of June 17th. Our pastor, Bro. Bee Fredrick, and Bro. Chas. Fredrick were with us at the 11 o'clock service, Bro. Chas brought the message. At the 7 o'clock service Bro. Friend and Bro. Weston brought the message, and what a wonderful time we had in the Lord. The saints were made to shout praises to God. We took the Lord's Supper and washed feet for the first time in our church. Some of the other churches took part with us. As we sang a song, Bro. Friend told the people to pass out, but did they? No, they came running to the front to shake hands with us, the dear old Missiosary Baptist could not stand back any longer. I know just how they feel for I claimed to be one of them for 18 or 19 years, not knowing there was such a thing as Free Will Baptist. Well, praise God, I am so glad Bro. F. E. Crain told us about you dear people, for I

have always been a Free Will and never knew it until a few years ago, so as soon as I got to where there was a Free Will Baptist church I didn't do a thing but join it. I have never enjoyed my religion so much as I have in the last two years. I feel more like working for my dear Lord than ever before. I know now when I ask a poor lost soul to come and get saved, that our pastor won't meet him or her at the altar and shake hands with them and say, "Bro. (or sister), do you believe Jesus is the Christ the Son of God? Well, just what is your name please? You just sign this card and be ready, I will baptize you tonight." Well, praise God for old time religion that is what it will take to take us through. About ten months ago God called me to go into all the world and preach the Gospel and by the help of God I am doing all I can for Him. Maybe I can't preach or pray as well as you, but I just preach and pray like God wants me to, that's who I am working for; I take my orders from him and as he tells me to, not as men tell me. He is the one I am expecting my pay from, so why not do the work to suit Him? I feel good in my soul this morning, I feel like I could write all day, but I must close so some one else will have room. I want to say our revival meeting will start the 15th of July. Bro. Friend will do the preaching. We invite all who will come to help in this great battle for the Lord.. We are talking of making a brush arbor at the Line school house, about three miles S. E. of Verona.

May God bless you all. Pray for me that I will always stay true to God.

Zora Lonberg.

#### **ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, Third F. W. B. Church**

Dear Readers of the Gem:

It has been some time since I have written to the Gem, but now I will make a brief report.

Everything is going along fine, church services are good and well attended, but the days are very hot, and the sun is shining in his strength. With all of the hot weather services are well attended and quite a few people are turning from sin unto God.

Bro. Mark Lewis of Fredericktown was up a few weeks ago and held a revival meeting. It was a good meeting and several people were saved, and we all had a good time. Bro. Lewis is a good preacher. We were sorry when the meeting came to a close.

Bro. Hand and Bro. Reeves were up and visited our church and Bro. Hand, by request, sang "Zion Hill." Bro. Hand is a good singer and we all like to hear him, and hope he can come again.

Bro. Reeves was up and preached for us; we like to hear him and hope he comes again some time.

Bro. B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo. was here and preached for us Saturday night and Sunday night; he is a good preacher, and we hope he comes again. Bro. Brown is editor of the Gem, and all Free Will Baptist people ought to take the Gem, for it is our church paper.

Bro. Willard Lackey and companion were up from Esther, Mo. He is Superintendent of the Sunday school at Flat River; he is a good man, and we hope he can come again and stay longer next time.

Bro. Joe Cox, teacher of our young people's class, told his class he could answer all the golden texts

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## OBITUARY

**Kaighin**—John B. Kaighin was born March 31, 1884, and departed this life June 30, 1934, making his age at time of death 50 years, two months and 29 days.

He was converted in 1910, and in 1927 he united with the Free Will Baptist church, and in 1930 he was ordained a deacon, and lived a true Christian life until God said, "Come."

He had been in failing health for some time, but was only bed-fast a few days, and all was done that loving hands and medical aid could do for him. A few hours before he died he repeated the Scripture, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil," and told his family he feared no evil, which is proof that he is safe in the arms of Jesus.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, eight children: Luther, Frank, Heles, Mary, Edna, Mrs. Ruth Smith, Jean and Don, one grandchild and an aged father, besides a host of relatives and friends.

Weep not for me my friends so dear,  
For I am not dead, but sleeping here,  
I am not yours, but Christ's alone,  
Who knew best and took me home.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Clarence Ussery, Sunday evening, July 1st, at the Ozark Baptist church, after which the body was laid to rest in the Ozark cemetery.

**Knight**—Thomas Isaac Knight, son of Moses and Jane Knight, was born in Laclede County, Mo., near Oakland, August 11, 1874, and passed away at his home near Eunice, Mo., June 12, 1934, age 59 years, ten months and one day.

Bro. Knight had been in poor health the past three years, but became seriously ill six days before his death.

He was converted in 1898 and lived a faithful Christian life.

He had preached for eleven years. He was a member of Big Creek Free Will Baptist church and was ordained at the church about seven years ago.

He had many friends and neighbors who loved and respected him. He was married to Miss Mary Brookshire March 24, 1895. To this union was born fourteen

children, including three pairs of twins. Of this number eight survive. Five of the children, his sister and brothers, stepmother and faithful wife were at his bedside when death came.

May God heal the broken hearts and may each follow the example he has set before them and meet him in the Glory Land.

"When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less time to sing God's praise  
Than when we first began."

*Written by a friend, Anna Kaighin.*

**Stephens**—Nellie Gertrude Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Stephens, was born April 9, 1878, and departed this life, at her home near Greentop, Mo., June 24, 1934, being at the time of her death, 56 years, two months and sixteen days old.

She was united in marriage to Rollic Richard Filkins, August 23, 1896. To this union were born five children: Mrs. Lola Gregory of Kirksville, Mo.; John Filkins and Claude Filkins both of Novinger, Mo., and Herman at home. All of them, together with the husband, survive her. There are nine grandchildren living and one dead, besides other relatives and a host of friends left to mourn her departure.

She confessed Christ as her Savior in early childhood, and several years ago she united with the Free Will Baptist church at Hazel Creek Union of which she has always been a true and faithful member.

In her passing, the husband has lost a true and faithful companion, one who always bore her part of life's burdens cheerfully; the children a kind and loving mother; the church a loyal and faithful worker; and her friends and neighbors a true and loving friend. For to know her was to love her.

She was never more happy than when engaged in the services of her Master; and the welfare of others was uppermost in her heart at all times.

Through all of her affliction she bore it patiently, having a smile and a kind word for every one.

Her departure is another one of life's mysteries that is hard to solve; but sometime, somewhere, we will understand.

Funeral conducted by Eld. Sam Marcum.

**Turner**—Elliot Turner was born in Kentucky, September 26, 1863, and departed this life July 11, 1934, at his home near Seneca, Mo., age 70 years, nine months and fourteen days.

He was married November 8, 1888, to Lela Wells. To this union seven children were born: Mrs. Dave Green; Mrs. Lee Stringer of Granby, Mo.; Mrs. Claud Shewmake; Mrs. Kenneth Elliot of Wilburton, Kans.; Mrs. James Chester of Seneca, Mo.; John Turner of Picher, Okla.; George Turner at home. He is also survived by one brother, Joseph Turner of Granby, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Rachel Whitehead of Anderson, Mo.; twenty-one grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

He was converted when a young man and united with the Free Will Baptist church. He had been sick for years, but was always patient all during his suffering and expressed a hope for a better home. His last words were, "I'm still trusting Jesus."

Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 13th at 2:30 o'clock at Swars Prairie Baptist church by two nephews, Elders Kenneth and Noel Turner. Six of the grandsons acted as pall bearers. The granddaughters acted as flower girls. Neighbors, friends and distant relatives had charge of the singing.

He was laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining the church.

## IN MEMORY

Written in memory of our dear loving mother, Mrs. Cora Rauls, who departed this life March 29, 1932; at the age 51 years she went to live with Jesus.

Dear mother, how we miss you,  
In the dear old home today!  
You are still as sweet in memory,  
As the day you went away.

Mother's work on earth is ended,  
Her smiles no more we'll see;  
But if we all live close to God,  
Together again we all will be.

I can almost see her with the angel band,  
In that blessed home above,  
There will be no more sorrow  
And all will be peace and love.

Some day we hope to meet you,  
Where there'll be no more good bys;  
We can think of nothing sweeter,  
Than our meeting in the skies.

Our loving thoughts will always linger  
Around the grave where you are  
laid;

So, just rest on, dear mother,  
'Till we can meet again.

Written by her daughter.

### IN MEMORY

In memory of my mother, who  
passed away two years ago July  
27th.

Just a thought of sweet remembrance,  
Just a memory, kind and true;  
Just a token of affection,  
And a heartache still for you;  
Just a sigh for olden moments,  
And your advice, kind and true,  
Just a tear in silence falling,  
And a yearning, just for you.  
Sadly missed by

Mrs. Mead and Family  
Chetopa, Kansas.

### Report of Young People's Home Mission Circle, Blue Eye, Mo.

Veta Garrett, Reporter

The young people met last Saturday, July 14, 1934, and reorganized the mission work. The new officers for the coming quarter are:

President ..... Lenna Butler  
Vice President ..... Verdie Butler  
Sec.-Treas. .... Edna Lee Butler  
Chaplain ..... Violet Butler  
Ass't Chaplain .... Nina McCreary  
Pianist ..... Edna Lee Butler  
Song Leader ..... Mae Carr

We haven't been long in this work and are not strong considering you older mission circles. We are just asking you to pray for us, that we will stay with the Lord, let Him lead and that our mission work will be a blessing for us and others too.

### HERBINE, ARK., July 5, 1934.

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Readers: I will send in a few words to let you know that we are still trying to do something for our little church at Free Hill.

Our pastor was with us last Sunday, and I sure did enjoy the fine sermon. Several from York Town came and most of the afternoon was spent in singing and I sure did enjoy it all, for I was not there in June.

We were glad to have singers come to visit us.

Our revival meeting will start the second Sunday night in Aug. We sure hope it will be a success, and many souls saved, for I like to see people happy with the Lord.

We now have another quilt just about ready. We will give this one to our faithful pastor, Eld. R. M. Moore.

Clara Bell Doss.

### ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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for the past fifteen months and give chapter and verse without anyone asking him or naming the quarter; so the class got all the questions and Bible answers for the year, about fifteen questions to each lesson, which makes sixty questions for each month, and they set a night for him. Brothers Hill, Lincoln and Collier were the judges, and when the class got through asking questions, 350 questions in all, the judges figured up and found that he had answered 98% correct. I don't think there is another man in the state of Missouri that could answer as many questions as he did.

The Sunday school is going to have their picnic in a couple of weeks. Our Sunday school is coming along fine, with good attendance.

The Young People's League convention will meet at the church, 1405 Park Ave., St. Louis, about August some time, hope we can have a large attendance.

F. McCauley, 1622 Hickory St.

### BRISTOW, OKLA., July 20, 1934

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I thought I would drop a line to let you know of our revival at Tuskegee church. Bro. George McLain did most of the preaching, with Bro. W. H. Carter to pile chunks and myself to direct the singing. They say we can't have old time revivals anymore, but brothers and sisters, we can if we meet the conditions. Thank God, we have the same God our fathers worshipped and he is no respecter of persons. We met early each evening and held a grove prayer meeting and they certainly have their weight in a meeting. There was fourteen saved and eight additions to the church.

Pray for us here at Tuskegee, that we will ever be found faithful.

Rev. John H West.

### NEW EDINBURG, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor, Wife, and Gem Readers:

With a glad heart and thanks to my blessed Lord, I'll report a great victory in a ten day revival at old Macedonia.

In the beginning of the revival we as professed Christians gathered together in Jesus' name and he was in the midst until the end. Our beloved pastor, with old brothers Hartley and Ashcraft, who assisted, brought some real sermons from the very courts of Glory.

I'm happy and praise God's name that the church was greatly revived, and 24 souls took Christ as their Saviour. One sermon I especially want to make mention of and that was on the "Judgment." It was the clearest picture I ever witnessed. Bro. Moore, after preaching on the Judgment, called every child of God to the front, which was a great number, and placed the children in front between the Christians and the unsaved, while he wonderfully explained how awful it would be for the unsaved to be separated from their loved ones; and then made an altar call, and thank God the convicting power was great; 16 precious souls came for prayer. I am glad that twelve came into the church to help us keep house for the Lord, and of the others that were saved eight of them were already members, but had backslidden. Thank God for these, and I earnestly desire the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer to pray for these, that they may grow and become men and women in Christ Jesus.

We have our Sunday school started in order that these who have just enlisted in the army may learn more about the Bible which is our waybill from earth to glory.

Pray for me, that I may live humbly.  
Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

### PAINTSVILLE, KY., July 30, '34

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I had the privilege of meeting some of our good brethren at Jakin, Ga., at the General Conference, I feel as if I had met you personally.

The first thing I wish to say is, Howdy to all the brethren I met at the Conference. Hello boys out there in the west and southern states, may God bless you all.

I have just returned from our Q. M., which convened with the Lacky church at Lacky, Ky. Conference met in regular form; Bro. F. S. Vanhoose, Q. M. clerk, called conference to order, Bro. Walter Tombling elected moderator. There were twenty churches responded by letters and delegates, \$38.00 with letters, reporting a membership of 2,200. Had a wonderful out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, and souls were made happy.

Our next Q. M. will be held with the Rock House church in Johnson county, Ky., postoffice Denver, Ky. the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1934.

While in conference I told our people  
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**COUNTY LINE, OKLA**

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Just a few words in regard to our last revival in which God so wonderfully blessed us. We know that God hears and answers prayers, for he has proved it to us wonderfully in this revival. Bro. and Sister Stafford from Clem-scott Oklahoma held our revival. They had only preached three sermons apiece before starting, but God being their helper they did wonderful work. We had about 22 conversions and 20 additions to the church, and a wonderful meeting, thanks to Bro. and Sister Stafford for coming our way and helping us win souls to Christ. After the revival, Sister Strafford helped us to organize a senior league, later a junior league was organized and both are doing splendid work. About twenty-nine enrolled in the senior league and 23 in the junior league, we only have a few in the senior league who are not Christians, but just hope and pray that before long they too are enlisted in the battle for Jesus.

We are asking the prayers of all who read this for this little church, and especially for the new converts, for we older Christians have to watch out for Satan, for we know he is going about seeking whom he may devour, and he is always ready to grab a new convert before he gets strong enough to fight back at him. At present we do not have a church house and are worshipping in a school house, but some time in the near future we plan on building a small church house, if the Lord wills. I believe that if we do our part the Lord is going to see us through.

It is a great blessing to know that in the last three days we are able to erase two names from the prayer list in the league, God has seen fit to pick two souls out of sin and put them on the firing line for Him.

We do pray mightily for the new converts, that they may not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. We covet the prayers of every Christian in helping us to erase the names on that prayer list and that our little band of workers may stay together and continue winning souls to Christ.

Mrs. Gene Chance.

**LIBERAL, MISSOURI**  
(Verdella Free Will Baptist Church)

The Verdella Free Will Baptist church of Barton County, Mo. has been treated to a new coat of white paint. Hubert Spriggs, a son of a former pastor, Rev. D. L. Spriggs (now deceased), did the work. Bro. O. T. Fast has mowed the lawn and it gives the premises a very neat appearance.

The little churches by the side of the road stand for everything good in a community, both morally and spiritually, where souls, down and out, are renewed and where the last rites and comforting words are received when we lay our loved ones away to await the resurrection morn.

Let us preserve the rural church, as it stands for everything worth while.

Bro. Willie York is our pastor. Our Sunday school record for July 8th:

Attendance .....	60
Offering .....	\$1.19
Bibles .....	19

I enclose the little poem, "Country Churches."

Best wishes to the editor and Sister Brown. —Mrs. O. T. Fast.

**COUNTRY CHURCHES**

Contributed by Mrs. O. T. Fast

The little, unpretentious country church

That stands beside a quiet, dusty road,

Regardless of how far and wide I search,

Presents the most inviting code.

No architectural splendor graces it,  
No obvious kinship with cathedrals great.

One simple room, with pews that are a bit

Straight-backed and hard, but yet seem intimate.

An altar plainly hewn, its comeliness  
Adorned with bowers and word of His decree.

There is an air of naive peacefulness,  
A lack of artificiality.

I like quaint churches built on country sod,

Because they seem so very near to God.

—Maysie Tuly Klein  
many good things each time. ....o

**WARREN, ARK., July 16, 1934**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

If this gets by the waste basket, I will try to tell the brotherhood at large of the wonderful revival

meeting we have just closed at Pleasant Valley church, ten miles west of Warren, Arkansas.

The meeting began Saturday night, July 8th, by the pastor J. E. White, and on Sunday Bro. R. M. Moore came from Star City, Ark. to help me, and thanks be to God he came in the power of the Spirit and preached a wonderful sermon on Sunday night; and from time to time the interest increased; the church prayed, the choir sang, and God wonderfully blessed.

There were 19 young people who came and said, "We want to be saved," and they were, for God met them in the altar, where they prayed, and where the church prayed for them, and they gave their lives to God. We know that God will save when people come to Him, and say with Christ, "Thy will be done."

Such rejoicing there was among fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, the church has not witnessed since it was organized several years ago.

The church was greatly revived and we feel that the neighboring communities were blessed with the meeting. There were 19 conversions, and 22 additions to the church.

We wish that every body could have heard these young converts stand and witness for the Lord, it was good to be there.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all who read this report, that they may hold out faithful unto the end.

The church on Sunday night, by a standing vote, asked Brother Moore to be with us again next year, and we wish to say that Bro. Moore is a man of God, full of the Spirit. We recommend him as a man of God without blame or fault in any way.

May God bless Bro. Brown and the brothers and sisters at large, is my prayer.

J. E. White.

**WE THANK** all you who have sent in manuscript for the paper, only we are sorry that we cannot print a larger paper so as to print more of it; but have patience with us, we are doing our best and will print it later on.

## F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

### STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

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### MONTHLY REPORT

By Elder O. T. Allred, State Sec'y

To our Free Will Baptist Leaguers over the State of Missouri: Before this issue of the Gem is off the press many of our leagues will have gathered in their respective fifth Sunday rallies and soon after our Association will convene.

I hope the various phases of our league work will be reported at our local associations, and this to our State Association. We have the report blanks ready for local league associations to report to the State League Association.

We feel that steps should be taken at each local association to have blanks printed for local leagues to report to local associations.

### REPORT OF MACEDONIA LEAGUE

Ruth Davis, Reporter

We are glad to report that our league is still growing in membership as well as in interest. We have a total membership of about fifty. All of our new officers for this quarter have started to work willingly and we are thankful for it. We are proud of all our leaguers. The league is a great help to every boy and girl, for it gives us something to do.

We are planning on attending the league rally at Monett the fifth Sun-

day in July. We have started work on our program.

We earnestly desire an interest in your prayers, that each member might be a bright and shining light for Jesus.

### REPORT OF OAK GROVE LEAGUE

By Florence Helsley, Secretary

Our league at Oak Grove is still growing; we now have forty members. We are especially glad to see the juniors taking so much interest in the league work.

We elected the following officers:  
President ..... Homer Smith  
Vice President ..... Frank Raney  
Sec.-Treas. .... Florence Helsley  
Sr. Group Captain ..... Marie Raney  
Jr. Group Captain .... Glois Patterson

We ask an interest in your prayers, that each league member might co-operate with our officers and do more work for God.

### MERLS CHAPEL LEAGUE REPORT

By Louise Robberson, Secretary

A report of our league work has not been sent in for quite a while, but we have continued in the fight. We have an enrollment of about thirty (30), but all are not active workers. We realize that our league isn't as good as it should be, but we are looking forward to better and greater interest.

Our new officers are:  
President ..... Raymond Blalock  
Vice President ..... Clyde Buntin  
Sec.-Treas. .... Louise Robberson  
Quiz Leader ..... Aletha Tow  
Group Captains Claine Hankins and Evelyn Jefferson.

When you pray we earnestly ask you to remember the Merl's Chapel League Band.

### REPORT OF SEYMOUR LEAGUE

Magdalene Matney, Reporter

The Free Will Baptist league of the Star church at Seymour, Missouri reports an active organization with meetings held regularly each Sunday evening. The membership is divided into four groups, each group taking its turn in furnishing the program. The league has a membership of sixty-four, with the following officers:  
President ..... Scott Kasterke  
Vice President ..... Phillip Hosiner  
Sec.-Treas. .... Vesta Hosiner  
Pianist ..... Gladys Sims  
Chorister ..... Cecil Kasterke

Our minister, Elder Fred Marler, is doing much good in the community.

### REPORT OF AURORA LEAGUE

By Margaret Apple, Secretary

We are glad to report that our league is still increasing in interest and numbers. Our officers are:

President ..... Nola Apple  
Vice President ..... Lena Hanby  
Secretary ..... Margaret Apple  
Group Captain ..... Virginia White  
Quiz Leader .... Clarabelle Roberts  
Jr. League Sponsor.. Eld. Noel Turner

We certainly do enjoy reading the reports from other Leagues. May God bless each of them, and our prayer

is that much good may be accomplished through their work. We desire your prayers, that we too may do greater work for our Master.

### WHAT THEN?

By Mrs. Gladys Keeland

*"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch" (Malachi 4:1).*

What then? When the great plants of our cities have turned out their last finished work; when our merchants have sold their last yard of silk, and dismissed their last tired clerk; when our banks have raked in their last dollar and paid the last dividend; when the judge of the earth says close for the night; and asks for a balance--

What then? When the choir has sung its last anthem; and the preacher has made his last prayer, when the people have heard their last sermon, and the sound has died out on the air; when the Bible lies closed on the altar, and the pews are all empty of men, and each one stands facing his record; and the great Book is opened--What then?

When the actors have played their last drama, and the mimic has made his last fun; when the film has flashed its last picture, and the billboard displayed its last run; when the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished, and gone out into the darkness; again when the trumpet of ages is sounded and we stand up before him--What then?

When the angels call sinks into silence, and the marching columns stand still; when the captain repeats his last orders, and they've captured the last fort and hill, and the flag has been hauled from the mast-head, and the wounded afield checked in, and a world that rejected its Savior, is asked for a reason--What then?

### Immodesty In Children's Dress

Contributed by Lizzie Shipman

Oftentimes mothers (possibly professed christians) will dress--or rather undress--their little daughters in fashion's latest decree, (centuries ago parents sacrificed the bodies of their children

to the god Moloch—passing them through the fire; today, many it seems, are being sacrificed—their sense of modesty, which is the foundation of virtue—to the gods of fashion.) which is usually an immodest garb, especially in these days of the nude craze; and all the while they want them to become Christian young woman. Pray tell us, sensible mothers, how you expect your daughter to be a type of Christianity adorned in such immodest attire, when God's very Bible declares against such! What part do you think immodesty has with Christianity? Would you have expected, Mary the mother of Jesus, to have been swayed by the gods of fashion, and to have adorned little daughters in such ungodly attire as is commonly worn by thousands of today? Let us say, For shame, to the mother who will dress (possibly the term, undress, would be more correct) her daughter, large or small, in such a manner as to both—cause daughter to become void of the real meaning of the sense of modesty, which is a priceless jewel of true womanhood, and to be the gazing stock of debased minds of the opposite sex.

Mother, if you allowed your daughter to dress in an ungodly manner which proved suggestive to the brute, that he robs her of her virtue, either by force, or subtilty, will you not feel a bit to blame? We should think you would. You will want to imprison him: and you and daughter go free! O, mother, how can YOU expect to escape the righteous judgment of God, in such event? Think!

### PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Family: As God has been so wonderfully blessing during this beautiful month of May, I thought I would like to tell you how He has remembered a poor unworthy servant, as I am. He permitted me to be at three communion services three Sundays out of four, and we visited our old home place on Elk Creek, half a mile from the Free Will Baptist church, Mt. Olive No. 2, which is a very sacred spot to me. There is where we met with our good neighbors and friends in days past and gone, all in peace and harmony and worshipped God together; and we

still remember how sweet it was to all sing, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul, let me to thy bosom fly," and an old fashioned hand shake renewing our covenant to pray one for another. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, . . . for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forever more" (Psalm 133)

Now on the 16th of May, it was our privilege to visit our son Walter, that lives on our old home place. This was another blessing, for while there we meditated over the happy days we had spent on the farm. How I did enjoy cooking, baking molasses cookies and trying to please the children as best I could; and ring the old dinner bell on time, which was fastened to a large post at the end of the porch at the kitchen door, and then watch them come riding their horses they had been plowing with. Oh, how I love the farm! love to see the little colts, little calves, little pigs, and best of all, watch the little lambs play and really enjoy the work, God bless the old honest farmers that till the soil and have patience for the early and latter rain; "be ye also patient, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

On the morning of the 17th of May, while in this old home at early dawn, as I awoke from sleep, I heard the song of a mocking bird, which seemed to be doing its best to make us happy as they did when my children were around me in the old home—no change in the song of the bird, no change in the Creator, the same yesterday, today and forever more. This is the thought that comes to me as I hear them sing, and I love to hear them sing. We sure did enjoy our visit with our boys. Bro. Sam Marcum will remember the place, as he used to live there.

On the 27th of May, I was again made to enjoy the unspeakable blessings of God; I was permitted to visit the cemetery where my father, mother and three sisters are buried. This is a Methodist church and another very dear spot to me for many causes. It was here that my husband found Jesus, it was where he was gloriously saved, it was where my dear old father used to preach, where they built a brush arbor and had grove meetings, where Christians were really revived,

and sinners converted. Well, we met the Methodist preacher and that was wonderful too. He moved into that neighbourhood some fifty years ago; he was a young man then, but now he is old and feeble. He made this remark when he got up to talk. It took him sometime to get where he wanted to stand, he said, "I weigh as much perhaps as I ever did, but it takes me longer to get there," then he said, "It would be much better to give the flowers to the living, "and the young man that had made a talk on decoration said the same thing, and it is true with me. I received a letter from a little family in Ark. a few days ago and in the envelope was a little bunch of roses, seven on one stem; then I thought of the great number seven mentioned in the Bible, and so many good thoughts came to my mind, and I would rather have them now than a truck load after I am dead. In this day I have been telling you about, the graves were very pretty with flowers, but this is not the important thing I want to speak about. The Bible says, "Honor thy Father and mother." How can I do this? Just Honor God and serve him whom they served and truly loved and obeyed.

I am talking too long again this morning, but I just want to say for your good, as I have had some experience on this line, you Gem readers, that have fathers and mothers, "Be ye kind to them." As I looked on the slab that marked the sacred spot, beneath which they had been buried, and as I kneeled by them, I noticed they have been gone more than forty years, but while I knelt there, I could think of lessons he taught me; and then I could call to mind my mother's hands which were always ready to administer to my needs, in sickness, and in health, and her hands always the same. Now, if you have them with you, don't be ashamed of them, because they are old fashioned, for they are satisfied with the complexion God gave them. They don't powder and paint, and sometimes they may get happy at church and shout when they hear the Gospel preached, which is gone out of some churches, but don't be ashamed of them: you too, will be old if you don't die young; you too, may have to wait on



them, as they can't walk so fast as you do; but be patient, for the "coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8).

I ask you all to pray for us.

Lina Claxton.

#### PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY Continued from page eleven

ple we ought to subscribe for the Gem, and three brethren came forward and gave me \$1.50. I told them I had sent my subscription in by Bro. G. W. Scott of Mt'n Grove, Mo. So I am sending names as follows:

Luther Allen, ..... Seco, Ky.  
H. H. Layne ..... Harold, Ky.  
Harrel Spears ..... Endicott, Ky.  
Your brother in Christ,  
Elder Millard Vanhoose.

#### TORNADO, W. VA., July 25th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I will try to write a few lines for the Gem. I am sorry that Bro. Brown has been sick, and was not able to print the items that were sent to him to be published for the sake of the Gem readers, but more sorry for his suffering, and I have been praying for his recovery, and hope he is well and able to do his work by now.

I attended a Yearly Meeting called the Logan Y. M. of W. Va. There are three Q. M's. in West Va., which organized into a Y. M., makes two Annual or Y. M's. in W. Va. These Q. Meetings were Logan County Q. M., Guyon Valley Q. M. and Union Q. M. They had a fine meeting and some real preaching; on Thursday night Elders Andrew Adkins and Frank Widner brought the message, Friday morning I was not there, but think Elder Lewis Ellis preached. Afternoon Elders Widner and H. Carpenter, at night Eld. Boony Pridemore brot a wonderful message. Saturday morning Elder E. N. Withrow preached, and Elder Marlo afternoon, Bro. Frank Lovejoy and Bro. D. W. Wade at night.

I was not there Sunday, I was not able because of sickness. Eld. Lewis Ellis stayed and preached Sunday nite. Elder R. L. Stanley was moderator for the Ministers' Conference and Elder Boony Pridemore for the business part of the Y. M. Eld. Pridemore was elected treasurer, under bond.

Eld. E. N. Withrow, clerk.

Executive Committee-Elders Andrew Adkins, Frank Widner, D. W. Wade. Elder Marlo was chosen evangelist and Elder Lewis Ellis was chosen delegate to the Tri-State Association.

I am expecting to attend a Q. M. next Friday, which will continue till Sunday, at Kanasha Fork F. W. B. church, on Davis Creek, about six miles from Charleston, W. Va.

I ask the prayers of all Gem readers.

—F. V. Nicholas.

#### NOTICE

The old West Virginia Yearly Meeting will convene at Chesapeake, W. Va., and Kanasha river, eight or ten miles above Charleston, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1934.

#### SINNING RELIGION

By Elder R. M. Moore, Star City, Ark.

I want to call your attention to 1 John 3:8—"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." We hear people confess Jesus Christ as their Savior, and a hope of eternal life, and then say they sin every day and hour. He that sinneth every day and hour is serving the devil.

I don't preach a sinless perfection in the flesh, nor do I preach sin every day and a hope for Heaven where there is no sin. Please notice 2 Cor. 6:17—"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." If we would read the 7th and 8th chapters of Romans, I think we would understand the perfection in this life, and some other scriptures on this subject. Hear me, dear readers, we have a number of church members that never have been accused of being religious; and that is what the sinning religion is upholding. I don't mean that they want them to sin, but they ought not to preach such doctrine. Don't you know that God is not pleased with people that will confess Him on Sunday and deny Him on Monday? Some say, How do we deny Him on Monday,

Please read James 1:22 to 25, and James 2:14 to 26, and numbers of other scriptures we could give. I think sometimes that we have people that want to meet Jesus at the church house on Sunday and leave Him there until the next Sunday, and come back to see Him again. I hope I am wrong about this. Please read Matt. 7:20.

You may call me hard, but I want you to know that I preach a Bible salvation, and not some man's way to get to Heaven. Did you know that we have some preachers in our land who are upholding things that ought not to be thought of? Did you ever hear of a dance, drinking party, card party, or mixed bathing being opened with prayer? Anything that you can not pray God's blessings upon should not be engaged in by professing Christians. God pity any preacher that will uphold such! I would to God we could all join hands and proclaim the Gospel in its purity, and cause people to repent of their sins and get on the road to Heaven.

May God bless and keep you all.

#### God's People a Peculiar People.

(Titus 2:14)

By Elder O. T. Allred

Christ gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. It is expected of redeemed people that they be different from sinners and the ungodly, in word, act and deed. This is expected, 1st by the one who redeemed us; 2nd by other Christians; 3rd by the world at large. If we who have named the name of Christ, do not live, act and talk like a Christian, all are disappointed in us. I know we are living in a day when deception is running full force, but why should any Christian allow the enemy to persuade them to support his work? Yet thousands are doing that very thing. When you take your money, or the part which belongs to God, wrongfully kept back by you, and spend that money at a motion picture show, Sunday base ball game, and a hundred other things that the enemy is using to drag men's souls down to hell, you are helping support his work.

Yes, sad the condition, but if every church member in the world would actually act like a Christian, a lot of the devil's joints would have to close their doors.

Are you one of God's peculiar (or different) people? or just one of the common kind, Christian in name only?

"Ye cannot serve two masters," as the old colored gentleman said, "You is or you ain't."

Yours for a clean separated life in Christ Jesus.

#### WOULDN'T IT?

Contributed by Mrs. J. B. Kaighin

Wouldn't this old world be better,  
If the folks we meet would say,  
"I know something good about you!"  
And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,  
If each handclasp warm and true,  
Carried with it this assurance?  
"I know something good about you."

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the only thing about us,  
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If we praised the good we see?  
For there's such a lot of goodness  
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
That fine way of thinking too?  
You know something good about me,  
I know something good about you."

Anonymous.

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## NOTICE

To the churches of Indian Creek Association:

You remember that a year or two back it was voted that each church should help provide for the Association. Let us not forget it this year, especially as the drouth is so severe and times so close. The Monett church is making special effort; they have two beeves ready, and have planted

about two acres of vegetables. As we come to the Association, let's bring what we can to help out. There may be a small charge for meals to outsiders and visitors to help bear expenses, though all delegates, deacons, ministers, etc. will be taken care of free, as usual.

Yours for a great Association.

Ex. Board { B. F. Brown,  
Winford Davis,  
Noel Turner.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of your Association, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting 5th Sunday Meeting, or any other important meeting should be announced here. If your announcement is not here, send it in so it can be printed in the Gem.

NIANGUA Association will be held with Liberty church, beginning at 3 o'clock p. m. on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1934. Elder Arthur Bailly, Clerk, Plad, Mo.

LACLEDE COUNTY Association will be held with New Hope church, in Miller county, Mo., beginning at 3:00 o'clock p. m., on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1934. Introductory sermon by Elder C. A. McAlister, Eld. W. F. Millard alternate W. F. Millard, Clerk, Lebanon, Mo., R5

FIRST MISSION Association will be held with New Home church, beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1934. Eld. B. F. Rogers, Clerk, Denison, Tex.

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. and S. E. KANSAS Association will be held with Hickory Grove church, near Archie, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1934.

Eld. Kenneth Turner to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. B. F. Brown alternate. Alta Wade, Clerk, Bronaugh, Mo., R2.

ZION HOPE Association No. 2 will be held with Lone Elm (88) church, near Rudy, Ark., beginning Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1934, at 7.30 p. m. Ray Purdom, Clerk, Ft. Smith, Ark.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI Association will be held with the Mt. Zion church, north of Plattsburg, Mo., beginning Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1934.

Introductory sermon by the pastor, Eld. E. T. House. Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

INDIAN CREEK Association will be held with Monett church, at Monett, Mo., beginning Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1934. Elder Everett Wilson to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. K. Weston alternate. Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Aurora, Mo.

DIBBLE Association will meet with Hawkins church, beginning Wednesday night before the second Sunday in September, 1934.

Introductory sermon by Elder L. E. Ward. Birdie Drennan, Clerk, Tabler, Okla.

UNION Association will meet with Pleasant Hill church, near Hartville, Mo., beginning at 4:00 o'clock p. m. Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1934.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder Clarence Ussery, Elder J. W. Silvey alternate. E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., R3

HOPEWELL Association will meet with Kirsey church, four miles west of Durant, Okla., beginning on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in September, 1934.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder E. A. O'Donnell, Elder P. H. Coffman alternate. E. L. Bonds, Clerk.

HOPEWELL Association No. 2 will meet with Oilview church, in the old Staunton school house, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1934. Opal Adair, Clerk, Duncan, Okla., R1-

POLK BAYOU Association will meet with New Home church No. 1, four miles northwest of Swifton, Arkansas, at 7:30 p. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1934.

W. B. Hardin to preach the introductory sermon, Obie Eagan alternate. E. E. Reid, Clerk, Gulon, Arkansas.

MISSOURI STATE Association will meet with Jones Chapel church, near Stella, Mo., beginning on Monday night before the third Sunday in October, 1934.

Sister McAdams to preach the introductory sermon for the Mission and League workers on Monday night.

Elder Homer Smith to preach the introductory sermon for the Association on Tuesday night, Elder Jas. F. Miller alternate.

Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

OKLAHOMA STATE Association will meet with Ada church, at Ada, Okla., beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in Oct., 1934. Eld. B. F. Rogers, Clerk, Denison, Tex.

THE CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL Association will meet in its seventh Triennial Session, with Denison Free Will Baptist church, on West Hull St., Denison, Texas, November 6 to 9, 1934.

Elder Winford Davis to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. B. F. Brown alternate.

Eld. B. F. Brown, Clerk, Purdy, Mo.

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