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THE NEW KINGDOM

Part 7. The Four Horsemen.

By Elder Everett Wilson

Most of the following articles on the New Kingdom will be taken from Revelation. So many have written upon this book, and no two writers seem to agree. We will only try to draw a partial picture of the visions of John while on the Isle of Patmos, and be content to wait further fulfillment of what he saw while banished for the witness of Jesus the Christ.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ must surely mean "something revealed," and if so, ought to be understood by "him that readeth," and no doubt can be, if taken as it was showed and explained by the angel unto the servant John, so we will try to stay by the visions as they are recorded.

In the fifth chapter we see John weeping because no one was able to open and read the seven sealed book in the angel's hand, but is told by one of the elders to, "weep not," as the Lion of the tribe of Judah had prevailed to open the book and loose the seven seals. First, before becoming the Lion to bring judgment upon the world, He must suffer as the Lamb. Having borne the sins of the world, He is now able to judge the world. He did not come to condemn, but to save the world, and every demon power was turned loose upon Him, and He bore every insult, and defeated every cunning device of Satan, until all hell had spent her fury in trying to bring out some kind of retaliation, but the prince of this world could find nothing in Jesus so as to bring a charge against Him, for He was holy and just and good. "He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin." Having withstood all

that was heaped upon Him, He is now able to take the book and tear off the seals, so that all the world can see the Lion of Judah as He rolls back the curtains and shows to the church things that must shortly come to pass, many of which may already be history to some extent, and may also have a future view of a more literal fulfillment. So we say, "Watch and pray."

As the curtain lifts upon the opening of the first seal, we see a white horse, and his rider, also in white. This rider is given a crown, he is armed with a bow, but no quiver filled with arrows is in evidence, and he goes forth conquering and to conquer. Some writers make this horseman the coming Antichrist, claiming him an imitator of the Christ as seen in Rev. 19:11. My objection to this view is this. White is never connected with the Antichrist. And he never conquers. While he overcomes the saints, it is only for a short time and they rise to appear with Christ as the Antichrist is overcome and conquered. The fact that the saints do not take his number or name or mark shows they could not be conquered, but are themselves overcomers. Compare Rev. 2:26 and Rev. 12:11. God has never yet allowed a judgment to come upon the world but what He has warned His people first. Noah was warned of the flood, and prepared an ark to the saving of his house. Lot was warned to flee from Sodom. Even Rahab was warned of the overthrow of Jericho, and put the scarlet line in her window to the saving of her house. I feel sure that we can see in the white horse and his rider the Spirit of God going forth conquering and to conquer and warning the people to get ready for the coming of the white horse rider of Rev. 19:11. God grant that we may all obey that warning. The reader will

see this view more clearly as the next seals are opened.

At the opening of the second seal in verse 4, a red horse and rider comes out. He is armed with a great sword, and power is given him to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another. If you will recall to mind now the article on the World War you will see that in 1914 peace was taken from the earth and has never as yet been restored. An armistice was signed, and how we rejoiced over that, but no terms of peace have yet been reached. The League of Nations has failed to bring in an agreement by which the warring nations could settle satisfactorily, and all nations are far more ready for war than they were in 1914. It is said that of the 1,711,011,000 people in the world at the time of the World War, 1,575,135,000 were in the conflict, leaving only 135,876,000 out of it. Out of this war has sprung up the great, and dreaded Red Movement, which in time will put their king, the Antichrist on the throne ruling the whole world (Rev. 13:8, 11). The very country where this great army is rising from is named in your Bible, and will be the same land from which the vast hordes will come to fight the battle of Gog and Magog at the close of the 1,000 years reign of Christ when Satan is loosed for a little season. Read here the entire 20th chapter of Revelation. Two battles are to be fought on the same field, the first with the sword that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord (Rev. 19:11-21), and the second with fire that comes down from heaven (Rev. 20:7-9), also Isaiah 66:15, 16 speaks of the Lord pleading with sword and fire. Two battles are clearly in sight and 1,000 years apart, and both are future as yet. No wonder so many countries are rising up against the Bible and Christians

and Jews, and as they do they fling their gates wide open for the coming in of the Antichrist and his vast host that he will lead to defeat in the field of Armageddon. That this red horse and rider has every requirement to meet the description of the coming man of sin, no one can doubt, and the stage is fully set for the final act of the coming king of fierce countenance to take up his short but bloody reign just before the coming of the King of kings to rule.

As the third seal is opened, a black horse comes out, and the rider has a pair of balances in his hand. No sooner had the red horse and rider taken peace away from the earth, than the black horse and rider appeared on the scene. Two powerful movements are now in the world. The Reds of Russia and the Black Shirts of Italy. In 1918 and 1922 Mussolini took Fascism into Rome. No one ever dreamed of such powerful movements under the leadership of dictators, but they are here and gaining favor and power every day, and will until the time comes for the Black to give way to the Red, which will in time rule the earth. Christians, as you read this, lay down your party and doctrinal lines, and pray that we may all escape the terrible things that will develop out of the conflict of these two powerful movements. You can see the work of the rider on the black horse with his balances. Balancing the production of cotton, wheat, corn, cattle, hogs, and most all produce, balancing the prices in business of many kinds, balancing the expenses of government. Just another step in taking the control of production out of the hands of God and giving it to man. God has promised that for a tithe of the increase He would send abundant harvest times, and see that there would be no lack of rain, and under His blessing devouring insects could not thrive. Surely something is out of place somewhere in the handling of these things, and all the blame cannot be laid upon the world, for all Christendom is far short in its promises to God, and so we can expect violence of all kinds in the earth and the elements. Pestilence, earthquakes and famines follow the black horse and his rider, just as Jesus said would

come in the last days (Mt. 24:6-7).

Now as the fourth seal is broken we see a pale horse and his rider "death" followed hard in the wake of the red and black horses, and filling hell with the countless thousands who are falling at his feet as the poor victims of these two powerful horsemen are swept down to death in a vain struggle against the coming rider on His white horse (Rev. 19:11-16 and 2 Thess. 2:8). There is no eye to pity, no hand to save, for they have followed their leader, "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). Because the Lamb would not use force and compel men to follow Him or obey His pleadings, He is now coming the "Lion" to tear and to trample and slay with the "sword of His mouth," until the hearts of His enemies have seen all the bloodshed and battle that they had longed for, but did not know that "no weapon formed against the godly could prosper, and that no tongue could rise against them in judgment" (Isaiah 54:17).

No wonder there will be a time of silence in heaven if all these things coming to pass are revealed to the angels. It seems to me that both heaven and earth will stand in awe until the blood of the wicked has been shed and covered, and the last bone buried, after the great battle of Armageddon, and then the earth will spring forth in new beauty, grass will cover barren ground, and the trees bear their fruit, the vine bring forth grapes, and the olive oil flow freely, the fig tree and pomegranate shall flourish, and the desert shall blossom as the rose. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the faling together; and a little child shall lead them" (Isa. 11:6). Truly this will be the glories of the New Kingdom, and may God hasten the day when we shall see the King in His beauty.

A different scene takes place when the fifth seal is opened. Souls are seen under the altar and are crying to God to know how long before they will be revenged for their death upon the earth. They are told to wait the coming of the next group that should be killed as they were, and

should live and reign with Christ a thousand years. This second group were on earth during the reign of Antichrist, but would not take his name, number or mark. This is clearly future as yet, and shows a reign of a personal Antichrist, or "beast out of the pit" (Rev. 11:7; 17:8). This group comes out of "great tribulation" or tribulation the great (Rev. 7:9-17).

THE CALL TO THE MINISTRY A Sermon

By Elder W. C. Hill

In discussing this important subject, two points are worthy of special consideration:

I. Do the Scriptures teach that there is a special call to the work of the Gospel ministry?

II. If so, by what evidence may a young man know that he has been so called?

1. The interests of religion require a class of men specially devoted to its services. In the earliest time the head of the family was priest of the household, and under the Jewish dispensation one whole tribe was set apart to the duties of the sanctuary.

They were not to be embarrassed by secular cares, and therefore, had no portion in the distribution of the promised land. They were exempt from military duty and other worldly business, and were wholly devoted to the purpose of instructions, sacrifice and worship. They derived their support from an equitable assessment upon the other tribes.

Let us mention some of the Old Testament characters who were called to be prophets and teachers:

Moses

"Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the back side of the desert, and came to the mount of God, even Horeb, and the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush was not burned. When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, He called to him out of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses, and Moses said, "Here am I." God said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters: for I know

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ECHOES FROM OUR MO. STATE ASSOCIATION

By the Editor

Our State Meeting convened on Monday night, October 15th this year. Monday night and Tuesday was given to the Mission and League workers. The introductory sermon on Monday night was delivered by Sister Lizzie McAdams, and was on the line of Missions and Leagues. The business of the Missions and Leagues was transacted on Tuesday and officers were elected for ensuing year.

Elder Homer Smith delivered the introductory sermon for the Association on Tuesday night to a very large and attentive congregation.

A tent with a seating capacity of about 600 people was used this year. It was fine but not large enough.

Wednesday morning, after a spirited devotional service, letters were read and delegates were seated, then followed the election of officers. Elder Jas. F. Miller of Flat River, Mo. was re-elected as moderator; Elder Selph Jones of Mansfield, Mo. was elected assistant moderator; Elder Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. was re-elected clerk-treasurer, with Elder Noel Turner of Granby, Mo. ass't clerk, all of them elected by acclamation. Bro. M. H. White of Plattsburg, Mo. and Elder Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo. were elected on the Executive Board.

Every business session and every devotional service from the first to the last on Friday night, seemed to be entirely under the leadership of the Holy Spirit; for there wasn't the slightest jar or disagreement in all the proceedings and transactions.

Not having the records I am not able to give the number of ministers, deacons, delegates and visitors present, but the delegation was larger, much larger than it used to be. We have no church building large enough to accommodate the delegation that attends our State Association. Steps were taken this year to build a large tabernacle at some appropriate, centrally located place that is to be selected, where our annual State meeting will be held.

A large number of preachers were present this year, and only one preacher was appointed for each service, but it proved a success and every preaching service was a spiritual feast. Spiritual truths were impressed upon the hearts and minds of those who heard that can never be erased; the words spoken may be forgotten, but the impressions made will never be forgotten.

Not only did those who were responsible for the success of the business and devotional services of the Association fill their places and do their part, but those who had charge of the entertainment, feeding the multitude and providing for their comfort at night, did their part in an excellent way. It is no small matter to properly care for 200 or 300 people who come all at once into a country place, but the Jones Chapel people cared for them so that no one had any complaint to make. Three meals a day were cooked and served on the church grounds, and that took careful planning and many willing helpers, but it was all satisfactorily accomplished.

From year to year our State Association is growing in numbers, and our denominational interest is growing too; but the most gratifying of all is the greater spiritual blessings we enjoy, which seem to increase with each annual session. We are even now, with much pleasure and anticipation, looking forward to our meeting next year at Flat River, and that principally because of the spiritual blessings we hope to enjoy there.

Report of Quarterly Meeting

Quarterly Meeting No. 3 met in regular session at Macedonia church east of Niangua, Mo. at 7:30 p. m. September 27, 1934.

Introductory sermon by Elder Cecil Horner. Subject, "The Church." Text, Matt. 16:18.

All seven churches were represented, but not all ministers were present because of some being in revival work.

Eld. Cecil Horner was elected moderator, Eld. J. A. Jenks ass't moderator, Mrs. Linnie Horner was elected clerk for this session. permanent clerk being absent.

The following committees were appointed: Credentials—Eld. J. A. Jenks, Deacons Robt. Clymer and Jesse Reece.

Divine service—T. J. Stokes, J. A. Mace and Sam Moore.

Stand was filled Friday at 11:00 a. m. by Jesse Mace, followed by Eld. Cecil Horner. Text, "Fear them not." (Num. 14:9).

Bro. Jesse Mace was licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

The following queries were discussed on Friday:

Query No. 1—What are the duties of a deacon? Opened by J. A. Mace. Discussed by J. W. Patton, Sam Moore, Robert Clymer, Jesse Reece, W. L. Chandler, Elders Cecil Horner and J. A. Jenks. Passed by satisfied that the duties of a deacon are to co-operate with the pastor in all church affairs and take care of the church in his absence, its poor and all its benevolent work.

Query No. 2—From whom did Christ purchase the church? Acts 20:28. Opened by Faye George. Discussed by Elders Widd McClanahan and Cecil Horner. Passed by satisfied that Christ purchased the church from God.

Query No. 3—Did Christ rise on the first day of the week or on the seventh day? (Matt. 28:1). Opened by Eld. Cecil Horner and passed by without any further discussion, satisfied that Christ arose on the first day of the week.

Stand was filled Friday night by Elds. Cecil Horner and Widd McClanahan. Communion sermon by Eld. Cecil Horner, followed by a sermon on feet washing by Eld. Widd McClanahan. Following the preaching service, the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and feet washing were participated in and

a spiritual time was enjoyed.

The following queries were discussed on Saturday:

Query No. 4—Please explain Matt. 5:25. Opened by Eld. J. A. Jenks and discussed by W. L. Chandler, Elders Cecil Horner and Widd McClanahan. Passed by satisfied that we could apply this Scripture either to the church or to the outside world.

Query No. 5—Please explain Matt. 12:20. Opened by W. L. Chandler. Discussion by Elders Cecil Horner and Widd McClanahan. Passed by satisfied that this Scripture applies to the first coming of Jesus Christ and that there was to yet be a remnant of the tribe of Judah until He should come.

Query No. 6—Who is Elias? Matt. 11:14. Opened by Sam Moore. Discussed by W. L. Chandler, Jesse Mace, J. A. Mace, Elder Cecil Horner, Elders Widd McClanahan and J. A. Jenks. Passed by satisfied.

Stand was filled at 11:00 a. m. by Eld. J. A. Jenks. Text, Rom. 14:11, "Every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God." Bro. J. A. Mace was ordained as a deacon of Macedonia church.

Other miscellaneous business was taken up both Friday and Saturday which we will not take the space to mention.

Adjourned conference on Saturday afternoon to meet in the next regular session with Amity church on Thursday night before the 5th Sunday in December, 1934. Eld. Widd McClanahan to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. Cecil Horner to preach the Communion sermon on Friday night.

Eld. Cecil Horner, Moderator
Mrs. Linnie Horner, Clerk.

Fifth Sunday Meeting Report

Picher, Okla., Sept. 30th.
Dear Readers of the Gem:

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Free Will Baptist churches met with Fairview church, with all four churches represented.

Bro. T. E. L. Curry conducted the eleven o'clock service, speaking from the sixth chapter of St. Matthew. Every one enjoyed the message.

Prayer by Bro. Judd.

Brothers Mayfield, Jones and Capron were selected as a pulpit committee.

After the noonday meal, Bro. John Rollins and Bro. Judd were in charge of the service. At the end of the service we had a wonderful testimony meeting, led by Sister Lamb of Fairview church.

We closed the meeting with an old fashioned handshake, with shouting by the saints.

Our next fifth Sunday meeting will meet with the North Picher church, near Treece, Kansas.

The church extends their deepest heart-felt sympathy to Bro. Brown and family in the loss of their son.

Grace Lollar, Clerk.

Professor C. M. Robinson Quotes Isaiah, Micah and Amos

In our Free Will Baptist League Rally of Indian Creek Association, held with Jones Chapel church, September 30th, many interesting numbers, songs, readings and talks were rendered. The Mission sermon was delivered at eleven o'clock by Elder Cecil Campbell, from text in Acts 16:9, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." God gave us a wonderful message on missions thru Bro. Campbell.

One of the outstanding numbers in the afternoon program was a talk by Prof. C. M. Robinson, Superintendent of Midway High School. He quoted from the prophets, and plainly showed, that the conditions of which the people were warned, were the same as we have today. He advocated a return to God as the only way to prosperity and relief, both temporally and spiritually.

Mr. Robinson quoted Micah 6:8, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" With quotations from Amos and Isaiah, Mr. Robinson very vividly pictured the transgressions of Israel, and the punishment that was to come to them. Then with oratorical ability, he very coherently applied the conditions, the warning, and the remedy to our own time and conditions of today.

In part Mr. Robinson said, "We have had our Washington, our Lincoln, and other great leaders, and I fully believe they were sent of God to lead our nation out of a caotic condition; and just as truly, I believe God sends leaders

who, if they allow themselves to be guided by Jehovah, become as the prophets of old, watchmen to sound the warning and lead the erring people back to God."

We truly appreciate having Mr. Robinson with us, knowing that, although he holds a college degree and has become known and recognized throughout Southwest Mo. as one of the leading promoters of public schools, yet he stands for old time religion and fears God, not only while in service on Sunday, but in his classes as well. Having been in his classes three terms of nine months each, five days each week, I can say with authority that he incorporates the teachings of the Bible in every day life, and gives God credit for His wonderful creation, and that without question.

Our prayers should be, and I am sure they are, "God give us more such men."

Elder Noel Turner.

BEDIAS, TEXAS, Oct. 3, 1934

Dear Mission Workers and Gem Family: We are glad to report another great victory over the devil and his works. We have no church at Bedias, but we have lots of relatives and friends, so we felt led to go there and start something in the name of the Lord; and sure enough we did. The devil started too, but the good M. E. pastor and wife and the church came to our rescue. We never worked with a dearer people than these.

Bedias is a small town and they had already had good meetings in all the churches. They have two Baptist churches, also, and the real Christians out of all the churches lined up; and it makes us sad to see what a few we have out of all the churches. We had three powerful prayer meetings one lasted from nine in the morning till four in the afternoon. The church bell rang every hour until the afternoon, and the prayer meeting became so great we forgot to ring the bell. Several little things were made right; and the Master was pleased and poured out His blessed Holy Spirit wonderfully until the shouts of His people were heard in the camp.

We only had seventeen saved in all and a number for consecration. One doctor joined the church in bed, was never able to

reach the meeting. We had prayer bands that went out and held prayer in the homes, and we had street meetings every Saturday afternoon.

We were gladly surprised to have Bro. Thompson and Bro. and Sister Blackwelder from Bryan, Texas with us one night during the meeting. They are fine people and we hope to be with them again soon.

We are planning to be at the State meeting if we can. We have a very sick sister that has had a very serious operation, so help us pray for her recovery, if it be God's will.

Our next meeting will be in Denison, Texas with Bro. Rogers and his people; pray much for us.

May God bless Bro. and Sister Brown. We were so sorry to see and hear of their sorrow in losing their dear boy. It seems here we can never be free from sorrow, but up yonder we will leave it all behind. God bless you all.

Yours for Jesus,
H. M. and Lizzie McAams

NEW EDINBURG, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will report to the Gem readers that we who worship at Old Macedonia are still on the firing line for our Lord.

First I'll report for August. We had our regular preaching, and in conference, we reelected Bro. R. M. Moore for our pastor and Thomas Brown for our church clerk and treasurer.

Now for our September report. We had our preaching day on the fourth Saturday night and Sunday, as voted by the church, and from now on we'll have Sunday night service.

Our Sunday school is still alive, for which I am very thankful to my blessed Lord.

Well, dear brothers and sisters, I will just mention a little resolution passed on at our last conference, That each member pay into the church treasury a cent for each year old we are on our birthday. Just say I am 29, I'll pay 29 cents. This fund is to be used on our church building and to buy lamps, voted out of our treasury only by the conference.

Now if this resolution seems worth while, try it in your home church. Pray for me.

Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

COWETA, OKLAHOMA New Home F. W. B. Church

It is with great pleasure that we send this our first report from our new church. Just hope all the dear Gem readers get the pleasure from reading our little report that we get from theirs.

We just have a humble little country church where the folks don't know any better than to serve God the best they know how. We have been organized about two months and have some wonderful meetings. Elder H. E. Dixon is our pastor and Elder W. Thompson assistant. We have a membership of 57 at present and feel that our church with the help of the Lord and our efforts is going to grow and prosper. We have a wonderful bunch of young boys and girls, which have a live league organized and have some real interesting programs. Please don't think we are boasting, but this being our first report is the cause of our telling you all this. We take communion and wash feet quarterly and last Sunday night being that time we had a glorious service, 30 partaking.

Elder Dixon, being called to pastor a church at Oklahoma City, is moving there, and can only be with us one Sunday each month, so is giving us the first Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night of each month. Elder Day a young ordained preacher preaches second Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and Elder Thompson the third Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

The next fifth Sunday meeting in the Grand River Association will be held at Hogan church, close to Locust Grove in December. If it is so you can get to it, come, because we will assure you a good time. Just ask every one that reads this piece to be sure and remember the entire New Home membership when you pray and ask God to lead us, that we may have a soul saving station and be real soul winners for Jesus. Mrs. W. A. McLaughlin, Reporter

Report of Douglas County Q. M.

The Douglas County quarterly meeting convened with the Breeden Free Will Baptist church, near Pansy, Mo., Sept. 28, 1934, at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Austin Wright of Seymour, Mo.

We organized as follows: Eld. J. W. Silvey elected moderator, with Eld. T. B. Marler as ass't.

Three committees were appointed: Credentials—Elders J. H. Claxton, L. M. Marler, Austin Wright.

Divine Service—Deacons Oliver Letterman, Ezra Stillings and W. M. Phelps.

Business—Elders R. F. Robertson, C. D. Findley, O. L. Claxton.

The following constituted the enrollment: Twelve ordained ministers, one minister's wife, five deacons, three deacons' wives, one licensed minister, two church clerks, and six delegates.

There were only six of the nine churches in the Douglas County Q. M. represented at this session.

One new member was received by letter of recommendation from Wright county Q. M., one licensed minister was ordained, and one brother was granted a license to preach the Gospel.

Most of Saturday and Sunday mornings were spent in discussion of some topics which had been previously assigned to various members of the Q. M. Much good scriptural food was given and many good points were brought to light on these topics.

The body voted to hold the next Q. M. with the Lone Star church, three miles east of Seymour, Mo. and ¼ mile north of Pee Wee store on highway 60. Eld. Claud Smith elected to preach introductory sermon, with T. B. Marler as alternate.

Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock services Elders Claud Smith and J. W. Silvey delivered a soul-stirring message, which was followed by Communion and feet washing, in which a goodly number participated, and the approval of the Holy Spirit was greatly manifested.

Although the delegation at this Q. M. was not as large as usual, it was, as a whole, one of the best we have ever had. The spirit of the meeting was exceptionally good; the hospitality shown was unsurpassable, and was appreciated; the business of the Q. M. was conducted in a good Christian spirit.

The meeting adjourned Sunday

at noon, and the delegation left the Breeden community with thankful hearts, that God had in His infinite mercy seen fit to grant such a wonderful Q. M. and praying that the next one would be as good or better.

We surely wish it were possible for the whole Gem family to attend the next Q. M. We also ask that you pray for the next Q. M. to be carried on in such a way that it will be to God's honor and glory.

J. W. Silvey, Moderator
Arthur Lund, Clerk.

BOWDEN, OKLA., Oct. 19, 1934.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Here we are again with another report of our Mission rally, which met at the Zion Hill church, Oct. 12, 1934.

Sorry we have such a small report this time, but every one pray for us. Seems that our pastors and lay members are not interested as they should be in the mission work. You know that we should never neglect God's work, and I am persuaded that mission work is one of the greatest works we can do for the Lord.

There was only one pastor present, that was the pastor of Blue Bell church, who is also president of our Eastside mission circle, and only three churches were present. But we are trying to carry on for the Lord just the same.

Allen mission reports number of meetings four, cottage prayer meetings four, sick calls sixteen, had pie supper which brought in \$17.06, served at sale and cleared \$10.52; proceeds from both went to the building fund.

Allen Junior mission is getting along fine.

Blue Bell mission reports that they have finished one quilt and given it to their mission president, have two more quilts up, three souls saved and baptized.

New Home mission reports four cottage prayer meetings, one soul saved, quilted and gave away four quilts, gave some garments to the needy.

Zion Hill Junior mission reports that they have been quilting and have good attendance, from twenty to forty young people present.

Let us pray more for our young people.

We dismissed at noon and came home.

Our next mission rally will be held at the New Home church, the second Friday in November. Let every one try and be there, and I am sure the Lord will bless you. You know the Lord said, "Go, and I will be with you." If we trust Him, He will never fail us.

Am asking everyone of God's children to pray for us as we go from place to place, that we will always put God first.

Pray for me as one that loves the Lord's work.

—Mrs. J. L. Smith.

CROSSETT, ARK., Oct. 17, 1934.

Dear Bro. Brown:

It does my soul good to know that the people are getting interested in the little Gem, wish more of the people would read it. I believe it would do them good, for I know it does me good. I know it is the grandest paper I have ever read.

When you read the Gem, you hear about what the churches are doing all around.

I am just back from the Ark. State Association, where we had a wonderful time, heard some good preaching, good singing and some good old time shouting.

I really enjoy hearing people shout, it does me good to know that there are a few that still have the old time religion, for that is the only kind to have. I'd rather be an old time Christian than anything I know.

Bro. T. H. Dixon of Hitchita, Okla. came down from the State meeting to Mt. Pleasant church and preached three sermons. He preached from Genesis to Revelation and he sure did preach three mighty good sermons, wish everybody could have heard him.

I am asking all the praying people to pray for me.

—Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

TULSA CHURCH NOTES

Dear Editor of the Gem:

Just a few lines to let the other Gem readers know of the Tulsa church's activities, and that the Tulsa church is really on fire for God.

Work is progressing nicely on our basement which was begun

about two months ago, all labor being donated by the members; and we hope soon to be able to hold Sunday school classes in the much needed rooms that this new undertaking will provide.

Our mission also is going forward in a great way, having accomplished many good things for the Lord, and we have some interesting plans for the future.

The outstanding feature of our fall work was our "Brick-lay" name quilt which contains about 350 names and netted us \$46.00, thereby providing us with our paving tax payment. Sister Haynes will be awarded the quilt for bringing in 194 names, the highest number.

Our pastor, Bro. Bingham leading next with 160 names.

At the present writing our church is in a glorious revival, with Brother Bingham doing the preaching, and with great crowds in attendance and much interest shown. Nineteen souls have gained the victory over Satan in the last ten nights. One hour each afternoon is devoted to prayer at the church and the power of God is being demonstrated in a great way, many requests for prayer are being sent in each day. One request came from a despondent home where the unsaved father had taken poison and lay at death's door for several days. Earnest prayers went up in his behalf and he was gloriously saved while lying upon his sick bed and is now asking God to spare his life to tell the world of God's saving and healing power.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES

We are still praising our heavenly Father for the splendid Missouri State Association we were privileged to attend at Jones Chapel church and the happy meeting with friends from all over the state.

Those attending the Association from Desloge church were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Forshee and daughter, Miss Helen Ruth, Mrs. Odella Rice, Elder Tommie Franklin and Anna Reed. Our people of the Lead Belt are rejoicing over the fact that the next Association will come to S. E. Mo.

An interesting program was rendered by the ladies of Mission Circle No. 1 at the church recently.

The S. E. Missouri League convention met with Desloge church Oct. 23rd. All leagues were well represented with a good delegation except St. Louis and responded to their part

on the program. Miss Althed Stegall gave the opening address. Two topics were ably discussed: Topic No. 1 "Enlarging the Kingdom through the Channel of the League." Topic No. 2 "The Bible the Text Book of the League." These were interspersed with songs by the visiting leagues and two numbers by the girls' quartette of Desloge.

Wortham, Flat River, Leadington and Desloge each received a blue ribbon for being a 100% league.

Elder Wm. Reeves reported the League proceedings of the State Ass'n.

—REPORTER.

GREENTOP, MO., Oct. 24, 1934

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I regret very much that I could not attend the State meeting this year, especially after the delegates from N. E. Missouri Association returned with reports of such a wonderful meeting.

We just closed a revival meeting at Connelville, Mo. Sunday night, Oct. 21st. Bro. T. C. Ferguson began this meeting the first week in September and had to leave September 18th to attend the Executive Board meeting in N. W. Missouri Association.

Bro. Harry Cowles and myself continued the meeting, with the assistance of Elers S. H. Marcum and C. E. Mann, who were a big help the few nights which they were able to attend.

We closed the meeting with twenty-one professions, baptized sixteen and organized a church with sixteen charter members, also a Sunday school.

I have taken the pastorate of New Harmony, Hazel Creek Union and Connelville churches. Pray for me, that I may lead these churches aright and that God's name may be glorified.

Your brother in Christ,

Elder C. M. Dauber.

HANNON, MO., Sept. 30, 1934

Dear Brethren:

Once more I will write a few lines to the Gem readers. I enjoy reading the Gem, it is the only paper I receive that is worthwhile. My personal acquaintance with the editor and so many of its writers makes it really a welcome visitor in our home. While I haven't contributed very much to its support (am sorry to say), yet my prayers and good wishes have been for the success of the beloved editor in making it a real church paper.

I have not been able to be out in the active ministry the past year

very much and am anxious to be busy again for the Lord. If any of your churches would like to write to me about conducting a revival meeting, I will be glad to arrange to do so, the Lord being my helper. If any needs a pastor for the first, third or fourth Sunday, let me hear from you.

Awaiting a call from the field, I am

Your brother in Christ,

Elder W. H. York.

Free Will Baptist Church News

Easton, Mo., Oct. 23 1934.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will try to write a few lines this evening. As this is my first attempt to write, it doesn't seem that I know just what to write, but I surely ought to write something about our State Association. It was our first time to attend, but we surely did have a wonderful time, meeting so many dear brothers and sisters in Christ. We are still praising and thanking our kind heavenly Father for the many blessings. We met so many different people, that when we receive the Gem it will be like getting a letter from home. We left Saturday morning at four o'clock from the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Garren, near Stella, Mo. We were certainly entertained in their home with a hearty welcome. They do not belong to the Free Will Baptist church, nevertheless they are certainly mighty fine people; may the Lord bless every one of them for their kindness. We drove 375 miles Saturday and got home at 10:30 p. m. safe and sound. Our dear heavenly Father watched over us all the way. Bro. E. T. House our pastor for the last seven years was in our party coming home. There were eleven in all. We got home too late for prayer meeting that night, but were all ready for church Sunday morning at Union Third Fork. There was service Sunday night also, with good attendance. Bro. House delivered a wonderful message. May God bless him richly.

We are also proud to state that we have had a very good Sunday school during the past year, with an average attendance of about 45.

The delegates from our church were very much pleased and impressed by the way Bro. Jim Miller moderated our State Association; the Lord being willing, we hope to meet him again at Flat River in 1935.

May the dear Lord bless each and every one in this great work.

Mrs. Mildred Baker, Reporter.

OBITUARY

Bell—Philanda Catharine Ledford, daughter of Burton and Polly Morelock Ledford, was born in Sullivan County, Missouri, near Milan, December 25, 1846.

At the age of four she moved to Adair county, where her parents entered government land on Spring creek, a part of what is now Spring Creek ranch. The home where she grew to womanhood stood where the Coneah Shear home now stands.

She was converted at the age of thirteen.

She was married to James Jackson Bell December 13, 1868, who served in the Civil War in Company B, 39th regiment. Mr. Bell died January 24, 1924. To this union ten children were born, four of whom died in infancy. One son, John William, died July 10, 1919, at the age of 48. Those left to mourn her departure are E. B. Bell of Greentop, Mo., Mrs. Anna Gates of Melba, Idaho, B. G. Bell and Mrs. Lottie Claybrook of Green Castle, Mo. and Mrs. Chloe Gates of Stahl, Mo., all of whom were at her bedside when she passed away. There are also 28 living grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Price Ledford of Green Castle is left from a family of twelve children.

She leaves many other relatives and friends who will miss "Aunt Kit" as she was lovingly called.

She was a faithful wife and a loving mother. She loved the old hymns and after singing "There'll Be No Sorrow There," she called her children about her and asked them to meet her on the other shore.

Her favorite Scripture was Rev. 21st chapter, and she requested her funeral to be preached from the 4th verse of that chapter.

She lived a faithful Christian life, and at the time of her death, was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Stahl, Mo.

She passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lottie Claybrook on the old home place, Oct. 4, 1934, aged 87 years, nine months and nine days.

Stephens—Lizzie Ann, daughter of James V. and Lucinda White, was born in Clinton county, Missouri, May 27, 1861, and departed this life September 15, 1934, at the age of 73 years, three months and nineteen days.

She was united in marriage to Thos. M. Stephens Oct. 31, 1878. To this union were born ten children, two, John W. and James F. having died in infancy. The eight surviving are, Mrs. Lulu Davis, Mrs. Grace Everett, Mrs. Paulette Watson and Clarence and Earl Stephens, all of Hemple, Mo., Mrs. Blanche Watson of Stewartsville, Mo., Elbert Stephens of Chillicothe, Mo. and Mrs. Lois Carter of Plattsburg, Mo. She is also survived by one brother, M. H. White of Plattsburg, Mo. and fourteen grandchildren.

She was united with the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church, near Starfield in 1876, to which she remained faithful to the end. The husband and father preceded her in death just a few months.

There is a calm for those who weep,
A rest for weary pilgrims found:
And while the mouldering ashes sleep,
Low in the ground.

The soul of origin divine,
God's glorious image freed from clay
In heaven's eternal sphere shall shine,
A star of day.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Zion Church, where her membership was, conducted by her pastor, Eld. E. T. House of Maysville, Missouri.

Interment was made in the Mt. Zion cemetery, Garfield Lion, Undertaker of Stewartsville, Mo. in charge.

York—Baby, Thomas Deck York, little son of Elder and Mrs. W. H. York, was born at Hammon, Mo., December 18, 1933, and departed this life August 26, 1934, being at the time of his passing, eight months and eight days old.

He was such a sweet, sunny little fellow, always greeting all of his many friends and loved ones with a happy smile.

All that loving hands and medical aid could do was done, but God in His wisdom saw fit to take the little bud from this earth, that it might bloom in Heaven. So we bow in submission to His will, knowing He doeth all things well.

With David we will say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord."

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at three o'clock at Hammon church, by the writer, where the little fellow's father had been pastor for thirteen years. After these services the little body was tenderly borne to the home of the maternal grandfather, Mr. Deck Hughes, near Greenfield, Mo. The following morning at ten o'clock a short service was held at Neola church for the sake of relatives and friends there and the little body was laid to rest in the family cemetery beside other loved ones who have passed on before, there to await the great Resurrection morning, when those in their graves shall hear His voice and come forth.

He leaves to mourn their loss, the father and mother, Sister Elizabeth and Brother Dee, two grandfathers, also aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

A place is vacant in our home,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our hearts,
Which never can be filled.

Lovingly written by
Roena Thomas.

O'del—Melinda Alice Scott was born in Wright county, Missouri, Dec. 5, 1874, and departed this life October 29, 1933, at the age of 59 years ten months and 29 days.

She was united in marriage to Isaac O'del Oct. 26, 1893. To this union were born five children, three girls and two boys, Mrs. Ethel Scott, Grove Spring, Mo., Mrs. Jessie Smittle of Jefferson City, Mo., Mrs. Grace Jones of Grove Spring, Mo., Arthur O'del of Omaha, Nebr., the other son having preceded her in death in his early manhood.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Elk Creek Baptist church, living a most faithful and devoted Christian life until her loving Master called her home.

She was such a kind and loving mother to all of her children, having the greater part of her life to work and plan to provide for her children as the death angel saw fit to call her good companion home when the children were

small, part of them very small. O, the many lonesome hours she spent studying how to raise her children and bring them up in the fear of God. She could always go to God and find help. O, such love as she bestowed upon her children, no mother can ever fill her place in their hearts and home.

She was such a loving and faithful friend to each and every one whom she knew. She was always so jolly with all, yet she never forgot to talk about her dear Savior and tell her friends to serve Him. Her place can never be filled in the home, in the church and Sunday school, nor in her community. Though she belonged to the Missionary Baptist church, no one could have told it if they had not known it, as she lived in a community of a Free Will Baptist church, she always came up with her part in the support of the pastor, always paid her birthday offering to help the Sunday school. How sad and lonesome it seems without her, yet we know that her pain and suffering is all over and she is now in the land of the snowy white angels, where no sorrow or pain can ever enter and where she will ever know nothing but the enjoyment of heaven.

We would not call her back, even if we could, though we miss her so much.

Her suffering and illness was so short, only three days, and the pain and suffering she went thru with, no one but our dear Savior knows yet, but she bore it all so patiently. And we know she is now basking in the sunlight of God.

She leaves to mourn their loss four children, eight grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Emma Fritz of Hartville, Mo. and a large host of other relatives and friends.

Her going has pierced our hearts, causing a wound that only heaven can heal, but we will turn aside from the roughness of the way and look forward to the end where we can meet our dear loving mother again in the land where we will never grow old and we can live with mother dear always.

Funeral services were conducted at the Elk Creek church Oct. 30, 1933, by Eld. Selph Jones and Dick Davis, and the remains were laid to rest in the Elk Creek cemetery. It seems sad without her, but it is sweet to know that she is now with the blessed angels.

In Loving Memory

In a casket never moving,
Lies a mother's form so sweet,
Decked with flowers by hands so loving,
She is sleeping her last sleep.

She has crossed the deep dark river,
With her Savior hand in hand,
Not afraid, without a quiver,
She has joined the angel band.

She's at rest, her suffering is over,
No more pain for her to bear,
Why mourn we then! we who loved her,
She is in heaven, no sorrow is there.

She has left us, yes, left us all alone,
'Twas her Savior called her home,
To a heavenly land.

We shall always miss you darling mother,
But the memories of your sweet life are so dear,
And we shall try to walk humbly,
Until in heaven we all meet you again.

We cannot forget you mother dear,
Nor your dear sweet words to us,
Or the little prayer you taught us,
When we knelt at your dear side.

Let us live that we may meet her,
When our time has come to go,
Up in heaven dearer, sweeter,
Than we knew her here below.

So we pray our heavenly Father,
May keep our hearts all spotless and pure,
Until we shall walk in His presence,
With you mother dear on that beautiful heavenly shore.

ANTLERS, OKLAHOMA

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and all the Gem Family: I hope you are all well and enjoying life. I am always glad to receive the Gem and hear from members of the family from different parts of the world.

On Monday night, Oct. 1st, I lost or some one stole my tan-leather brief case at Antlers, or on the south highway one mile south of Antlers, containing an almost new Bible, written on the front page, Presented to Rev. M. M. McKee by Wife, Oct. 1, 1933. A name plate on the handle: Rev. M. M. McKee, Lindsay, Calif., also three black leather loose leaf books, one a large one containing special songs and clippings from papers, with my picture on several of the clippings of my evangelistic work. The two small books were filled with texts and scriptural references on several different subjects, also several different associational minutes, a few other books, one cloth diagram on the Establishment of the Church, scriptural references put on diagram with large type and printed with craolas, also a moun-

tain and house paintel on top of it with craolas, using different colors. I put an add in the Antlers American but failed to get any results so far. Would be glad to pay a reward to get possession of these things again. I sure did hate to lose them as I had some work in my case that I can't replace. I have carried it thousands of miles, and am lost without my brief case and the books it contained.

Praying that God will bless the Gem and family, I am, as ever,
Yours for the great cause,
Rev. M. M. McKee, R1.

WARREN, ARKANSAS, R1, B108

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I would like to say a few words about our little church here at Pleasant Valley; away down in the backwoods, but I am thankful that God is as near to us as to any place on earth. I know He has been in the hearts of lots of people and caused a number to seek Jesus and find rest to their souls.

Our church was organized in 1916 or 1917 by Eld. W. P. White, father of J. E. White, our present pastor. Lots of our faithful members never had heard the Free Will Baptist doctrine before, but I am glad to say I had the pleasure of being in lots of wonderful meetings in childhood. The first association I ever remember was at the Flatwood church in Ripley Co., Mo. some few miles north of Doniphan. I saw the blocks made for that church some 40 years ago. I would be glad to see a letter from there or Simpton school house, where I have sweet memories of going every Sunday with a dear mother who departed this life Nov. 12, 1927. I was deeply touched by a letter in the Sept. paper by A. F. Pierce of El Paso, Texas. Christians should work and pray for the sheep; if we can lead the sheep to Christ, they will bring the lambs. We know that wherever fathers and mothers go the children are sure to go, let it be church or town, or wherever it might be. If all fathers and mothers would get right with God, what a happy time we would have! We would see sons and daughters born into the Kingdom of God every day. All Christians should read the 5th chapter of Galatians, a wonderful lesson for all who seek for peace.

If any one of the churches I have mentioned in this letter remembers me as Edith Elder, I would be glad to hear from them.

Mrs. L. E. Jones.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

President, Eld. Winford Davis,
Monett, Mo.

Vice President, Eld. Wm. Reeves,
Flat River, Mo.

Sec'y-Treasurer, Eld. O. T. Allred,
Monett, Mo.

FIELD WORKERS

For Cave Springs Association
Eld. E. E. Winfree, Couch, Mo.

For S. E. Missouri Yearly Meeting
Eld. Albert Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.

For N. E. Missouri Association
Monte Peterson, Greentop, Mo.

For Union Association
Eld. Geo. Scott, Sr. Mt'n Grove, Mo.

For N. W. Missouri Association
Chloe Lewis, Pattonsburg, Mo.

Field Worker at Large
Eld. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Leaguers: Well, our wonderful State meeting has come and gone, gone in actual experience, but will ever live in the memory of us who were there. We felt like saying in the language of one of old, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." Really I am just now getting it through my mind that it is over, aren't you? It would be great if we could stay together that way and enjoy the presence of the Lord and of each other, but of course, like the early church at Jerusalem, we must scatter out and canvass different parts of the land; we must move the cause, not only in Jerusalem, but also in Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth. I am praying this will be our greatest year in the league work; let us take both a retrospective and prospective view of the work and be determined to profit by every mistake of the past and thereby climb to higher heights in the future. There has been some new appointments made among the field workers and I am hoping each field worker will see great results in your respective fields this year. Don't forget to send in your reports to our State Secretary regularly, so the people who read the Gem can see what is being done.

Your brother and co-worker,
Winford Davis.

REPORT OF MACEDONIA LEAGUE

Ruth Davis, Reporter

We have reorganized our league again. We were divided into two groups, but some of our members have dropped out and we were so unevenly divided, that we voted to choose up sides again. Fern Davis and Herman Opolka are our group

captains. Since we have reorganized our membership is growing.

We attended the League rally at the Jones Chapel church and took part on the program. Our league was also represented at the State Association at the Jones Chapel church. The delegates sent from our league were, Ruth, Fern and Oleta Davis. It sure encourages us to meet with the league workers from all over the state and hear their reports and learn what they are doing.

Bro. Miller gave us a wonderful talk during the League session at the State Association. He takes great interest in the young people.

We ask an interest in all your prayers, that our league might be one of the best in the state.

N. E. MISSOURI LEAGUE REPORT

By Mrs. Mabel Montgomery Sec'y

After the Mission meeting, the president of the league took charge of the meeting. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the reports from the leagues.

Delegates to the State Association were elected as follows:
Louise Buchanan, Elaine Buchanan, Ralph Gregory, Eld. C. E. Mann.

As this was all of the business, the following program was rendered:
Poem, Bro. Mann, Green Grove Piano Duet, Forte Sisters New Harmony Reading, M. Peterson, New Harmony This concluded our program.

The next fifth Sunday meeting was decided to be held at Bethel church the fifth Sunday in December, 1934.

REPORT OF UNION LEAGUE ASS'N

The members of Union League Association met on Sunday, September 30, 1934, with the Coon Creek church. Meeting was called to order by the president. Service was opened by singing, and prayer by Zelda Young.

Eld. Albert Brooks read the Scripture lesson from the 2nd Psalm, after which a special song was rendered by Bro. and Sister Brooks, entitled, "There'll Be Light in the Valley For Me." This was followed by another Scripture reading taken from Numbers 15:35-41. Bro. Brooks brought a very helpful message to both the old and the young, using as a subject, "The Ribbon of Blue."

We next went into the business session, which was followed by the following program by the leagues:
Reading, ...Zelda Young... Wolf Creek
The Touch of the Master's Hand
Reading, Perry Hutsell, ...Mt. Grove
Song, Effie Barker-Merlene Paul, Mt. G
The Sinner and the Song

Reading, Genieva Gearing, Mt. Grove
Reading, Mary Scott, Brushy Knob
Song, Mary, Adam, Daisy Scott, B. Knob
On the Jericho Road

Reading, Perry Hutsell, ...Mt. Grove
Song, Elden Gearing, B. Smart, Mt. Gr.
Song, Mary, Adam, Daisy Scott, B. Knob
He Bore It All
Song, ...Mamie McDorris, ...Mt. Grove
Two Little Hands

The program was attended by a

large crowd and broke up with shouting. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Elder G. W. Scott, Jr.

We are looking forward to another good meeting to be held at the Big Creek church, December 30, 1934, with Elder Herbert Vandivort to bring the message.

Pray for our leagues, that they may grow and glow for the Lord.

REPORT OF HARMONY LEAGUE

By Miss Blanche Silvey, Sec.-Treas.

The Lone Star Free Will Baptist league, group number one, came to Harmony church Sunday night, Oct. 14, 1934, and gave their program and helped Harmony church to organize a league.

The following officers were elected:
President Virbena Philpott
Vice President Helen Silvey
Sec'y-Treas. Blanche Silvey

There were twenty-two members that united with this league. They chose as its name, "The Harmony Free Will Baptist League." They were divided into four groups, and four group captains were elected, one over each group.

A BRIEF REPORT OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The ministers, deacons, delegates and associational clerks composing that part of the Church of God or Christ, commonly known as Free Will Baptist of the Arkansas State Association, met in annual conference with Ballews Chapel church, near Grubbs, Jackson county, Ark., Oct. 4-7, 1934.

The inception was marked by a large and enthusiastic confluence of people. This spirit prevailed throughout the entire session.

Thursday Evening Service

The service opened with singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder A. N. Best. Elder W. R. Jobe preached the introductory sermon. Scriptural lesson, 1 Cor. 12, text, 1 Tim. 4:16. The assembly was dismissed by Elder W. B. Maddox.

Friday Morning Session

The associational body opened with singing by the congregation. Moderator L. C. Doyle read as the opening lesson, 1 Tim. 2. Prayer by Elder M. L. Hollis of Red Bay, Ala. The opening address was given by Elder J. D. Doyle. Response by Elder E. J. O'neal. E. O. Wright was appointed as acting clerk.

Letters from the following associations were presented, read, received and their messengers seated in the conference by the right hand of fellowship: Antioch, Arkansas, Little

Missouri River, New Hope, Polk Bayou, Saline, Social Band, Zion Hope.

Eld. J. D. Doyle was elected moderator and Eld. G. W. Million assistant.

The Rules of Decorum were read.

The moderator announced the appointment of members for the following committees: Finance, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Obituary, Union of Churches.

Elders M. L. Hollis of Red Bay, Ala. and J. M. Haas of Tupelo, Miss. were seated as advisory members..

Elder W. H. Parker occupied the pulpit at 11 o'clock with Elder Ralph Staten following. Scriptural lesson, John 14:16, 17. Theme, The Office Work of the Holy Spirit. Dismissed with prayer by Elder C. E. Wilson.

Friday Afternoon Session

Praise by the congregation. The moderator read the 23rd Psalm for a lesson. Prayer by Sister C. E. Wilson.

Eld. Ralph Staten was elected clerk.

Elder W. M. Guinn was elected corresponding clerk.

Motion prevailed to seat Elder T. H. Dixon of Hitchita, Okla. and Elder B. F. Brown, Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, Purdy, Mo.

Moved that each subordinate associational clerk send a list of the names of their ministers and each one's address to the state clerk.

Friday Evening Service

A devotional service was conducted by Elder W. M. Guinn. Preaching was done in the person of Elder M. L. Hollis. Scriptural reading, Rom. 5:8; 1 Peter 3:18. Theme, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The congregation was dismissed by Elder T. H. Dixon.

Saturday Morning Session

The assembly opened with singing by the audience, and prayer by Elder S. A. Morgan.

Elder J. R. Hartley made a report of his evangelistic labors.

The moderator announced the appointment of the following as members of the evangelistic committee: W. F. McGee, Joe Phillips, R. D. Smith.

Reports of the following committees were read, received and committees discharged: Sabbath Schools, Obituary, Official Thanks.

The 11 o'clock or Memorial service was conducted by Elder G. W. Million. Scriptural lesson, Psa. 8:4; Rev. 14:13. Prayer by Elder J. R. Hartley. Bro. Million used as his subject, "What is Man and His Eschatology?"

Saturday Afternoon Session

The session was opened with singing by the congregation.

The committee on Union of Churches made a report which was accepted and the committee discharged.

Harmony, one mile southeast of Rye in Cleveland county, was selected as the place for the next meeting.

Elder L. C. Doyle was selected to preach the next annual introductory sermon, Elder W. A. Hearron alternate.

Elder W. R. Jobe was selected to preach the next annual Memorial sermon, Eld. C. E. Wilson alternate.

Elder B. F. Brown, Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, made a talk.

Elder T. H. Dixon, an endorsed state evangelist, made an oral report.

Elder W. M. Guinn made an oral report of his evangelistic work. Bro. Guinn is retained as one of the state evangelists.

Moved and sustained that no hand clapping be done while the State Association is in conference.

Elders G. W. Million, J. R. Hartley and L. C. Doyle were endorsed and elected in addition to Elder W. M. Guinn as state evangelists.

Motion prevailed that Sisters Holder and Logan be allowed a stipulated sum of money out of the Ministerial Burial fund as aid in the defrayal of their respective husbands' funeral expenses.

Preaching at 7 o'clock was done in the person of Elder J. D. Doyle. Lesson text, John 10:11. Theme, The Good Shepherd.

Sunday Morning Service

The closing service was opened by singing, and prayer by Elder G. W. Million. The morning sermon was delivered by Elder H. A. Lewis. Bro. Lewis used for a lesson and text, 2 Cor. 5:1-6; 2 Cor. 8:9. Elder J. T. Merchant dismissed the Association for adjournment until the next session of the Association which convenes with Harmony church, near Rye in Cleveland County, Ark., Oct. 3-6, 1935. Elder J. D. Doyle, Moderator,

Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Elder W. M. Guinn, Cor. Clerk,

Booneville, Ark.

Elder Ralph Staten, Clerk,

Pocahontas, Ark.

P. S. To those who are especially interested in a more detailed minute of the business transactions of our State Association, there will be a more detailed account of the proceedings appear in the minutes which will be sent for publication as soon as the finance committee finish securing such funds to meet the required amount to get them put to the press.

REPORTS By Eld. E. E. Winfree

Couch, Mo., Oct. 18th.

Dear Editor: I am herewith send-

ing a report of my work.

I held a meeting for C. R. Bryan with our church at Bluff Springs in July. We had a very good revival, with nine conversions and eleven additions to the church. The community was greatly built up. I went from there to our Purtle church at Peach Orchard, Ark. Had a great revival, resulting in 25 conversions and 22 additions to the church. At the closing of the revival the Social Band Association convened with that church and God's Spirit was greatly felt all through the Association. I came back to our Cave Springs Ass'n where we had a splendid time. I went from there to my home church at Billmore and had a great revival, resulting in 23 conversions, 19 added to the church, and the community greatly built up. At present I am with our Syrma church in a revival. We have had a number of conversion up to date and there is a great spirit of conviction on the people. We are praying God that we may have great victory.

I am very sorry that I cannot attend the State Association, but I have so many calls for revival meetings I felt I should stay with them.

I very sincerely desire the prayers of all our good people, that God may wonderfully use me for the upbuilding of His cause in the salvation of men and women. I am giving my entire time to the cause of Christ..

I would like to say, If any of our pastors would like for me to assist them in holding a revival, please write me for a date.

—Eld. E. E. Winfree.

REPORT of Eld. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo., R3, for September, 1934.

Filled all regular appointments at Rose Hill 2nd Sunday and Sunday night; Shiloh 3rd Saturday night, and Sunday; Myrtle 4th Saturday night and Sunday; attended quarterly conference at Pleasant Hill, Sep. 30th; preached at 11 o'clock; preached at Pleasant Ridge Sunday night, Sept. 30th; conducted a funeral service at Wirth, Ark., Sept. 16th; married one couple, and assisted in two revivals.

REPORT of Eld. R. C. Bryan, Couch, Mo.

I held my revival meeting at Bluff Springs church in July, with Eld. E. E. Winfree assisting me. We had 9 conversions and 11 additions to the church. I have pastored this church two years and feel that we are moving onward and upward by God's help.

I held my revival meeting with our Piney church with three conversions.

Eld. Clarence Dotson was with me in this meeting. I have been pastoring this church two years.

I am praying that we might go on to greater things in the name of our blessed Master.

I was in the meeting at my home church, Billmore, where Bro. Winfree is pastor, which resulted in great good for the Master and the upbuilding of the church and community.

—Eld. R. C. Bryan.

I wish to say Bro. Bryan had charge of the singing and did the baptizing.

Eld. E. E. Winfree, Recording Sec.

Free Will Baptist Church Notes

Oglesby, Okla., Oct. 22nd.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This is a beautiful sunshiny morning, it makes us feel happy while we work and try to do God's will.

Bro. Stinnett delivered a wonderful message on Sunday, Oct. 11th, at 11 o'clock and at night.

Our Sunday school is still going on, with good attendance most of the time.

We have our prayer meeting on Friday night, and it continues good.

Bro. Stinnett our pastor and Bro. Collins both were with us Oct. 14th and 21st. We have good attendance at our church. The young folks meet at 6:30 every Sunday evening; they are doing fine and hope it will lead them some day to be God's children.

I never pray but I pray for those who are out in sin, that God will save them before it is too late. There are so many who claim to know God that are standing in the way of sinners, and if they would really live for God, and do His will, there would be more sinners saved; let's all really live for God, and get sinners saved.

Jessie Huff.

NORWOOD, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I have not written for some time, I will try to write a few lines to let you know that I am still on the dear old battlefield for God, trying each day of my life to live a life that will please Him who gave His life a ransom for the sins of the world.

I want to so live in this world that when my eyes are closed in death, that no matter who may preach my funeral, it can be said of me, "She so lived in this world that she has written her own obituary."

O, dear children of God, it pays to serve Jesus every day of our lives if we expect our daily walk to prove that

we have been redeemed by the blood. I am thankful to say that I have been serving God more than half of my life in this old sinful world, and bless God I am not the least bit tired of serving Him, why should I be? I only regret that I didn't start sooner, although I was converted at the age of 16, and have been doing my best to serve Him since that time. O how sweet to let our mind go back to the time when He spoke peace to our soul and we found ourselves singing that dear old song, "O How I Love Jesus;" and O, how good that song seemed! I have never been able yet to tell just how I felt, but I was so happy. I have received lots of such blessings since, bless the good Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if we want God to draw near unto us, we must draw near unto Him, and the way to do that is to steal away to some secret grove and pour out our heart's desire to God, not just a few words, but stay there and talk with God until we receive a blessing, and know that our cries have been heard. O that we, as children of God, would do this, then when our revivals are held our ministering brethren won't have to hold a meeting for perhaps two weeks before even Christians get where they can testify and pray. O, how we all should pray! pray for ourselves as well as for others. And we should love one another. We read in Matt. 5:44, 45 where our Lord says for us to "love our enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

So, dear children of God, unless we have this love in our souls for our brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to pray unto our heavenly Father until we have it, and be so we can pray for them that God will bless them in their efforts for Him. I have heard people say, "The way he has done, do you think he is a child of God? If you do most anybody is." I always tell them that I don't know, that it is between them and the Lord. For maybe something I had done was just as bad as what this other party had done in the other person's way of thinking. If only we would but take things like this home to ourselves, and ask ourselves the question, Do our lives prove to the world that we are serving Him as we should? Dear souls, if ever there was a time when

we should be praying to God it is now. We need to seek for the old paths and walk therein if we expect Christ to be pleased with us. We know by reading our Bible that we cannot hate our brothers and sisters and love God; for God is love; so we must love our brethren. Instead of finding fault with our brothers and sisters in Christ let's pray God's richest blessings on them, and ask God to give us more love one for another; and, instead of talking about our brothers and sisters in Christ, or our sinner friends, let's go to them with a heart full of love and say to them, "Now brother (or sister), do you realize the mistake you are making in doing the things you are doing? I come to you in love for my Lord and Master and ask you to take the Lord's help, pray Him to lead you." Sometimes we are so careless that we hear someone say ought about someone, then the first one we meet up with, we say, "Did you hear about brother H?" and the other person will say, "No." Then the first will say, "I hate it, but I don't want anything said so they will hear of what I have said. I will tell you, but don't you repeat it to any one." But this one we have told tells it to a friend, and so it goes from mouth to mouth and maybe the one talked about don't hear a word of it until someone who is true hears it and goes to the one talked about, what the beginner of the talk should have done, with love and respect for the one talked about.

I am enclosing an obituary of Sister O'dell with whom I was personally acquainted and knew her to be what she professed to be. O that I should be as good a Christian woman as she was. To know her was to love her and I ask the Lord to bless her children. She has told me different times that she hoped and prayed that her boy would be converted and live a Christian life so they might all be together in heaven some day; said she prayed for him every day, and if he is still in sin, I pray that he will soon become a child of God so he can be ready to meet mother up there. I pray that all the children will ever live to meet her.

Bro. Homer Smith and Bro. Ocia Allen have just closed a revival at Mt. Zion church. The last I heard there had been 8 conversions, some of them quite small, just come to the time when Jesus said unto them, "Children, give me thine heart." I had a friend tell me that they were too young; that they would not hold out to serve

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their sorrows" (Ex. 2:7). "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt" (v. 10). Moses said unto God, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (v. 11). God said, "Certainly I will be with thee" (v. 12). Then God instructed Moses, telling him just what to do and say.

Moses Makes Excuses

"The people will not believe me, neither will they hearken unto my word: they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee" (Ex. 4:1). And the Lord said unto him, "What is that in thine hand?" And he said, "A rod." God said, "Cast it on the ground." Moses threw it down and it became a serpent. (v. 3). Then the Lord said, "Put forth your hand and take it by the tail," and he did so, and it became a rod again (v. 4). This was proof positive that God would be with him.

Excuse No. 2—Moses said unto the Lord, "I am not eloquent. I am slow of speech" (v. 10). And the Lord said, "Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what to say" (v. 12). Then Moses asked that his brother Aaron might be permitted to accompany him, to do the talking for him. God granted his request, and so the two brothers went, and God blessed them and gave them success.

What We Have Learned

1. God called Moses to an important work.
2. He gave him his message.
3. He gave Moses power to deliver the message.
4. Moses made a success of his work, because God was with him.

For

"Moses was rescued from the flood, to lead the chosen tribes:

"Moses was rescued from the flood,
To lead the chosen tribes of God;
Near forty years he was their guide,
Toward their rest—and then he died."

(Ex. 2:5; 3:10; Deut. 34:5)

"Joshua, by divine command,
Led Israel to the promised land;

A type of One, more highly blest,
Who leads his flock to heavenly rest"
(Josh. 1:11; 23: 14; Rev. 7:17).

Isaiah's Call

In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke" (Isa. 6:1-4).

This indeed was a wonderful vision. It had more to do with Isaiah's life from then on than all of the varied experiences of his life in the past.

The Effects of this Vision

1. Isaiah was smitten with conviction; he saw himself as a sinful man (v. 5).

2. He confessed his sins, and said, "Woe is me! for I am undone: because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King the Lord of hosts." He saw, he believed, he confessed.

The Results

So one of the seraphim flew to him with a live coal which he had taken off the altar, and laid it on Isaiah's lips, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged." Then Isaiah heard a voice saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here am I, send me" (v. 8).

Lesson Learned

1. That God cleansed Isaiah from his sins and then
2. Called him to be the bearer of His message, and then
3. Gave him the message, and
4. That Isaiah went in obedience to God's call and made a success out of his work.

So

"The godly man alone is blest,
With solid peace, and lasting rest;
'Tis good for soul and body too,
In paths of holiness to go."

(2 Timothy 4:8).

For

"How many fears oppress the breast,
And rob the soul of peace and rest!

But those who truly fear the Lord,
May trust upon his faithful word."
(Isaiah 43: 1, 2).

Jeremiah's Call

"Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified and ordained thee a prophet unto the nations" (Jer. 1:4-6).

What is the Lesson Learned?

That God knows the past, the present, and that He knows the future before it comes to pass. He is therefore the all-wise God.

2. That Jeremiah was called and set apart to be a prophet even before he was born.

Jeremiah's Excuse

"Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child" (v. 6).

Moses said, "They will not believe that thou hast appeared unto me." When God drove him from that position, he said, "I cannot speak eloquently." Jeremiah said, "I am a child, I cannot speak." Why did these men make excuses? It was because they realized that "God is all, and in all," and they themselves as nothing. I had much rather see men make excuses than to plunge headlong into the ministry without any consideration as to its importance.

The Promised Help

"But the Lord said unto me, say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth" (Jer. 1:7-10). Now we learn

1. That when God calls us, that we should not try to excuse ourselves, but go.

2. That when we are called we are the Lord's messengers (Matt. 28:19).

3. That we have His protection. He is with us (Matt. 28:20).

4. That God sets the boundary of our work (v. 10). He is therefore our all-sufficient helper in every time of need.

Wisdom

"What darkness veils the human mind,
How prone to sin, to goodness blind.

But wisdom's by our Savior given,
To guide the once dark soul to
heaven."

1 Cor 1:3; Col. 2: 3).

For

The Lord with whom we have to do,
No variations can He know:

In darkest days (bless His name!),
As in the sunshine, He's the same.
(Hebrews 13:8).

The next chapter will be on the
New Testament call to the ministry.

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God. I told them I hoped they would and I said, "We want to pray that they will and give them words of encouragement and by deeds of daily life tell them to live for God. I got to go one night to the meeting. I have known these brethren all my life. I went to school to Bro. Smith and I often think of how he used to steal away to the secret grove and there pour out his heart to God for the salvation of souls. May God's richest blessings ever be with him and Bro. Allen in their work for the Lord. May they both see many souls saved on account of them ever doing the will of God. I pray the Lord to ever be with all the ministering servants. God bless our pastor of Oak Grove church and ever be with him. I ask that every one who may read this pray for me, that I may ever be what God would have me be, and that He may each day fill my heart with love for my brothers and sisters in Christ. I don't want to be a stumbling block in any one's way, but be a bright and shining light to the lost and dying.

Daisy Raney.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION

Plattsburg, Mo., Oct. 2, 1934.

Our Northwest Missouri Association convened with Mt. Zion church, north of Plattsburg, Aug. 23, 1934, and was called to order by the clerk.

The introductory sermon was delivered by the pastor, Eld. E. T. House.

Friday morning the conference was called to order by the moderator, Eld. E. T. House. The church letters were read and the delegates seated.

One new church, McGill, near Galatin, Mo. was received this year.

Officers elected for this year

Eld. E. T. House, Moderator
Eld. John McKown, ..Ass't Moderator
Eld. Melba White, Clerk-Treas.
Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Ex. Board Member
Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Ass'n Evangelist

The stand was filled at 11 o'clock

by Elders C. M. Dauber and Charley Phillips. Text, Eph. 5:16. Both delivered soul-stirring messages.

Friday afternoon the meeting was called to order by the moderator. Scripture reading Psalm 63. Prayer by Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

Part of the afternoon was turned over to the Sunday School program.

The Association granted Eld. T. C. Ferguson his ordination papers in place of his old papers which were destroyed by fire.

The stand was filled Friday night by Elders Sam Marcum and John McKown. Subject, "God's Question to Men and Women and Their Answer."

Conference met Saturday morning with moderator in charge. Scripture lesson Psalm 34.

Conference voted to endorse an evangelist to serve without pay. Eld. T. C. Ferguson was elected as our evangelist.

Ministers Enrolled

Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby, Mo.
Eld. John McKown, Lock Springs, Mo.
Eld. W. R. Rush, Santa Rosa, Mo.
Eld. E. House, Maysville, Mo.
Eld. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.

Motion carried to accept the recommendation of the Ex. Board to extend Sister Melba White's license one year.

Following were elected as corresponding messengers to Northeast Mo. Association: Elders T. C. Ferguson and W. R. Rush and Sisters Beulah Deals and Velma Rush.

Eld. C. M. Dauber, a visiting minister from Union Association, gave a verbal report of his Association.

Bro. Sam Marcum, a visiting minister from Northeast Mo. Association, gave a verbal report of his Ass'n.

Bro. Dec. Stutnet, a visiting minister not of our faith, but a real soldier of the cross, was with us and sang some good Gospel songs which were enjoyed by all present.

The various committees reported and were discharged.

The Temperance committee took a firm stand against the sale of all intoxicating beverages of all kinds, and recommended that, we as a people, do all we can to keep down the sale and drinking of intoxicating liquors. Be it Resolved, That we do all we can to bring about the return of the Eighteenth Amendment.

The Publication committee advised that we use Free Will Baptist literature and do all we can to get the Gem into every home, and also to give our publishing house all the job printing we can. Also that our people refrain from preaching and reading the Judge Rutherford literature.

Our location committee placed our next associational meeting at our Philadelphia church, near Santa Rosa, Mo., to meet on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in August, 1935.

Motion carried to set Saturday p. m. aside for Sunday School work.

At 11 o'clock the stand was filled by Elders W. R. Rush and T. C. Ferguson Text, St. John 21:22.

Saturday p. m. session called to order by the moderator. Scripture lesson, Psalm 23.

Delegates to the State Association

Bro. Everett Ellis, Sisters Mildred Baker, Luella Kerns, Anna White, Mary Calvin.

Motion carried that the Divine Service committee select some minister in our Association to preach a doctrinal sermon Saturday morning at our next conference.

A standing vote of thanks was given the community for their kindness.

A standing vote of thanks was given the moderator, assistant moderator and the clerk for their faithful service.

Melba White, Clerk.

Shahan F. W. B. Church Notes COWETA, OKLAHOMA

This is the first time for quite a while that our church has been able to tell the world through the paper what they are doing for the Lord. Each member is trying to live close to Him, and do more to tell of the great plan of salvation than they have done.

Elder Carl Hembree of Bixby, Okla. has been chosen pastor for the ensuing year. He preaches the second Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night of each month.

Elder Fred Jones of Wagoner held a successful two weeks' revival in September at the Rothhammer school house. He organized a church at the close of the revival, assisted by Elder Carl Hembree and other members of the Shahan church.

The quarterly meeting held at the Brushy Mountain church in Sept. was attended by Bro. W. C. Beller, Bro. and Sister L. T. Gill and Bro. and Sister J. H. Townsley.

We have singing each Sat. night.

Prayer meeting is held each Sunday night when there is no preaching. This consists of Scriptures readings, prayers, songs and testimonies.

The new quarter of our Sunday school started off very lively under the superintendency of Bro. J. H. Townsley. At the County Sunday school convention the Sunday school was well represented. They have re-

solved to be in the race for the county banner for 1935.

The league of the church is doing fine work with all members taking their parts. In September the league gave a program and helped organize a league at Rothammer.

We pray God's blessings for our church and our community.

Ruth Peterson, Broken Arrow, Okla.

SO. CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Dear Editor: While sitting in my lonesome room this morning, looking through a new song book, the Gem was brought and laid on my stand; so I laid my book aside and took the little Gem and turned through its pages looking for some report from West Va. I failed to find a word; so I read the many good things from other good writers. I saw things that remind us that we have Bible doctrine for our foundation: but in the past in this state we have been too easily satisfied with our preachers. Almost every one who would say he was called to preach was licensed, and even if he didn't attend his own church for a year, or if we never heard him try to preach the church would call for his ordination, and then he would never do any good. A man that calls himself a preacher and does nothing for the cause of Christ only weakens the denomination and does no good. So the Kana-wha conference has waked up; so a man or woman that wants license in any Free Will Baptist church in our conference must belong to some Free Will Baptist church for one year, then must carry local license for one year and must take a college course. That will decrease our list of ministers, but will increase our reliability; so I think in just a few years the Free Wills can compete with almost any other denomination, if we stick to the doctrine and let the Lord lead.

I cannot make any report on the Q. M. that was held at Slater's Creek the 5th Sunday in September, for on account of the death of a cousin of mine, Mrs. Maud Sturit, I didn't go to the quarterly meeting, but I hope some one else will report it.

I suppose this is enough, such as it is, for this time.

F. E. Nicholas.

FILER, IDAHO, Oct. 12, 1934.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As we have spent some weeks in Idaho, we have found things quite low spiritually. The powers of dark-

ness seem to overshadow the light. The country is in need of churches, and preachers who have had a real experience with Christ. The best way to reach the people is by good singers and a tabernacle.

May the young Christians qualify themselves by the help of God to bring the Gospel to the great plains. There are great opportunities for mission workers. The fields are in great need of missions, consecrated workers and evangelistic workers.

Our prayer is that God will prepare His churches and His workers to qualify for the great fields that are now open, that they may receive the Gospel in fullness and purity, through much prayer and consecration.

May God's great leaders have visions of those things we are most in need of, then act upon the inspiration of the great Divine Spirit.

Our prayer is that God will bless each church and its members, and we sincerely desire the prayers of each Christian.

A. A. Buntin and Daniel Henderson.

MYRTLE, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I am sending in a new subscriber for the Gem, I thought I'd write a few lines.

I have just attended the fifth Sunday meeting. A good delegation was present and God's Spirit was felt among us. Quite a lot of people have counted the cost and paid the price, and are on their way. Pray for them, that God may have His way in their lives, and lead them on, and pray for me, that I may always be at my post of duty in his service, and may God bless all you Gem readers.

Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

RUDY, ARK., R2, Oct. 2, 1934.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

I will try to write a few lines to the Gem. I have been a reader nearly a year, and the Gem is my first paper to read. I like to hear of so many that love my Savior, and will say, Dear loved ones, if we love Him, let's keep his commandments.

I have been a soldier for Jesus for ten years, and have been chastised many times for not keeping my Savior's commandments

We have a little Free Will Baptist church at District 81, with about 30 members. We have a good Sunday school with about 45 enrolled. Bro. Glen Dipboye is our pastor.

The fifth Sunday conference con-

vened with us last Friday in Sept. We had rainy weather, but had a big meeting, and had a big dinner on the grounds Saturday, and meeting all day. We sure did have a spiritual meeting. Bro. Ben Pixley and Bro. Glen Dipboye preached Sat. night before we took the Lord's Supper and washed feet. There was some neck hugging taking place, I never was so happy in my life, unless it was when Jesus came into my life. We had some old soldiers of the cross, fifty years in the service. I just couldn't keep from hugging them and kissing them; those old white haired veterans of the cross looked so good, and to hear them talk of loving my Savior.

I am a poor boy, 50 years young. I wasted the best part of my life in sin, and yet the devil has nerve enough to try to turn me back, but he doesn't have the power. I will follow Jesus the rest of the way.

Pray for me and mine.

John D. Jones.

Lawnwood Church Notes

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We still want to speak a word for the good Lord. Our pastor, Brother Boyd Williams, made a safe return from his vacation and reports a good time. He preached most all the time.

Bro. Carter is holding a revival at Lawnwood church and we are having some wonderful sermons.

Our Sunday school is doing good.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all God's people.

Ruth B. Lane, R6, 377L., Tulsa, Okla.

Center Point Church Notes

Weatherby, Missouri

Sunday, October 28th being our regular fourth Sunday preaching day, Elder E. T. House, our pastor, filled his regular appointment, both Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and Sunday night. Bro. House has been re-elected for his ninth year of work at this place and enjoys a good attendance and co-operation each month.

We are also proud of our Sunday school, with good attendance each Sunday, and we are especially proud of the interest our young people show in Sunday school. Mrs. Ethel Helms is superintendent of the school, and Mrs. Mary Calvin is Bible class teacher.

"And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed" (Isa. 1:28).

Mrs. Herman Harms, Reporter.

HAND BOOK READY

I am calling your attention to the hand book for women's auxiliary work which was approved by the General Conference at its last meeting and is now ready for distribution. This hand book carries valuable information for organizing and conducting auxiliary societies; also a plan of work and a standard of achievement.

A copy of this book should be in the hands of each member of your organization; especially the officers. The cost is only 5c per copy and I am very anxious to distribute them among our people everywhere. Please do what you can to help circulate it by urging your people to send in their orders.

There was not enough money in this department to allow for the printing of this book and the cost of printing them must come from the sale of them; so please let me have your orders at an early date and kindly do not send stamps.

Mrs. Fannie Polston, National Sec'y of Women's Work of F. W. Baptist, Nashville, Tennessee.

HOME WEDDING

Sunday, October 9th, Miss Christine Pirtle and Mr. Paul Fryman were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pirtle, at Esther, Mo., in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. Elder Miss Tommie Franklin, pastor of Desloge church officiating.

Those present besides the immediate family were, Mr. Earl Comte, Misses Ruth Pirtle, Blanche Bayless, Neva Pipkins, Virginia Christine Eden, Anna Reed, Mr. Glenn Pipkins and Mrs. Emma Wilfong. The bride was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pirtle and an accomplished young lady. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fryman of Fredericktown, a young man of sterling character.

After congratulations all were invited to the dining room where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served.

These young people have the best wishes of their many friends of the Lead Belt.

—A Friend.

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