

The picture on this page is of the Gospel tent recently purchased by fifteen of the brethren of Indian Creek Association. It is a good strong tent, with a seating capacity of about 600; it is 40x60 feet, and built for all kinds of weather. It will be used for our Indian Creek Association when it convenes at Carterville, Mo., September 2, 1936. It will also be used for Missouri State Association when it convenes with Macedonia church, October 12, 1936. It has been used for revival meetings at Carterville and Joplin, Missouri, and is now (Aug. 3, 1936) being used for a revival meeting at Monett, Missouri.

# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

Organ of

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

## Published monthly at Purdy, Missouri.

Eld. B. F. Brown, Editor.

Entered as Second Class Matter, June 4, 1930, at the Post Office at Purdy, Mo., under the act of March 3, 1879.

#### TERMS

50 cents per year, cash in advance. Paper will be discontinued when subscription expires.

We will be glad to change your address for the Gem, if you notify us. Please give the old address with the new.

Your time is out if a pencil mark appears here

We are always glad to receive articles, letters, reports, etc. from our readers for publication in the Gem, along any line that will help the cause.

#### MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. Jas. F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Ass't Mod.,	Eld. Selph Jones,	Mansfield, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.,	Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
a fair an	EXECUTIVE BOARD	

Eld. C. M. Dauber,	. Greentop,	Mo.
Dea. M. H. White,	Plattsburg,	Mo.
Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett,	Mo.
Eld. B. F. Brown,	Purdy,	Mo.
Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr.,	Mt. Grove,	Mo.

#### GENERAL CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. M. F. Vanhoose,	Paintsville, Ky.
Ass't Mod.,	Eld. W. E. Dearmore,	Wanette, Okla.
Clerk-Treas.,	Eld. Hattie Newman,	Drumright, Okla.
Ass't Clerk,	Eld. Winford Davis,	R1, Monett, Mo.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Eld. Bert F. Rogers, R9, B374, Tulsa, Okla.
Eld. F. S. Vanhoose, Paintsville, Ky.
Eld. Noel Turner, R2, Granby, Mo.
Eld. J. L. Waltman, 1109 E. Broadway, Cushing, Okla.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

#### OFFICERS Moderator, Eld. J. L. Welch; Nashville, Tenn. Ass't Mod., Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. Clerk, Eld. I. J. Blackwelder, Ayden, N. C. EXECUTIVE BOARD Eld. J. W. Alford, Chairman, ......B173, Kenly, N. C. Eld. E B. Joyner, ......R2, Lake Butler, Fla. Bro. E. F. Goen, ......Bryan, Texas Eld. D. F. Pelt, ......Bryan, Texas

# THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

of

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

#### of

## THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Takes pleasure in announcing the opening of school, according to present plans, in Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday, September 23, 1936.

According to plans the school will begin in the Sunday School Annex of Cofers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Courses in Bible, Homiletics, Theology, Literature and Arts, and Music will be offered.

Cost of school, outline of courses, and such information as the director can offer will be given, by addressing your communication to T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.

OPENING DAY, September 23, 1936.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. J. L. Welch, Chair., 1017 Monroe St., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. T. B. Mellette, Sec'y-Treas., Blakely, Ga.
Rev. J. W. Alford, Kenly, N. C.
Rev. Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica St., Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Rev. E. E. Morris, Blanchard, Okla.
Blakely, Ga. will be the address of the director
until further notice.

#### GOSSIP TOWN

Contributed by Eld. J. L. Newbern, St. Louis, Mo.

"Have you ever heard of Gossip Town, On the shores of Falsehood Bay,

Where old Dame Rumor, with rustling gown, Is going the livelong day?

"It isn't far to Gossip Town,

For people who want to go; The Idleness Train will take you down

In just an hour or so.

"The Thoughtless road is a popular route, And most folks start that way,

But it's steep down grade; if you don't watch out, You'll land in Falsehood Bay.

"You glide through the valley of Vicious Town, And into the tunnel of Hate,

And crossing the Add-to bridge, you walk Right into the City gate.

- "The principal street is called 'They Say,' and I've Heard, is the public well,
- And the breezes that blow from Falsehood Bay Are laden with 'Don't You Tell.'
- "In the midst of town is the Tell Tale Park; You're never quite safe while there,
- For its owner is Madam 'Suspicious Remark,' Who lives on the street 'Don't Care.'

"Just back of the park is Slanderer's Row, "Twas there that Good Name died, Pierced by a dart from Jealousy's bow,

In the hands of Envious Pride.

"From Gossip, Town peace long since fied, But envy and strife and woe, And sorrow and care you'll find instead,

If you ever chance to go."

 $\langle \Omega \rangle$ 

D

#### Page Three

# What Meaneth These Things?

By B. F. Brown, Editor Continued from last issue

Since writing a few thoughts on this subject one month ago, several things have come to pass, among them: There is war in Spain, and all Europe is tense with thoughts of war which may rage over the whole continent; the drouth and heat in our own country are becoming really serious; it is becoming more and more evident that this old world is very sick and is growing worse every minute; how long, I wonder, can the world stand unless there is a general turning back to God and His Word?

As the war rages in Spain, the nations and people of the world look on with apprehension, lest all the nations of Europe, and others become involved in it. It is said that Italy and Germany are financing this uprising that is aimed against the government of Spain. Anyway this war will probably help Mussolini to carry out his plans. He has added Ethi-

opia to Italy, and declared B. F. Brown an empire with King Victor Emmanuel as Emperor. But Mussolini's upon dream is to add. Southern Europe to Italy, thus forming an empire, the old Roman Empire restored, which a tim he himself expects to rule.

Whether or not this brief reference be literally true, there will be a restoration of the Roman Empire just as surely as Daniel spoke as he was "moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). The image in Nebuchadnezzar's God-given dream was a true prophecy of the course of Gentile dominion from the time of the dream until the last day of Gentile power (and that last day is near at hand). The "legs of iron" and the "feet part of iron and part of clay" formed the "fourth kingdom." The "stone . . . cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces" (Dan. 2:34), was none other than "the stone of Israel" (Gen. 49:24), which is Christ descending to destroy the world powers which now exist-all of which means that the Roman Empire must be in existence when the stone falls.

In the seventh chapter of Daniel, we learn that this "fourth kingdom" is the "fourth beast" of Daniel's

vision. Then the legs, feet and toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image and this "fourth kingdom" are one and the same-it is the Roman Empire. "The ten horns . . . are ten kings," and the "little horn" must be the Antichrist. These "ten kings" will fedmaking the "little horn"erate. beast''--the Antichrist--their "the head. This will constitute the Roman Empire in its restored form, which shall have power and authority over all the earth during the Tribulation period after the Rapture for about

seven years—"and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down,... and break it 'in pieces" (Dan. 7:23).

All nations of the world are making great preparations for war, and most people believe it wont be long till war, a great war, will be raging; but do not these things indicate that the end of this age is near at hand? It is a time when we should

spend much time in prayer, calling upon God for strength, wisdom, grace, knowledge, and courage to meet the situation that is upon us: for this is a time when Christian people need strength and purity of heart before God. As you view the situation, do your rejoice in hope of the glory of God? (Rom. 5:2). According to our hope, we purify ourselves in the sight of God (1 John 3:3).

Why this awful drouth and heat that is destroying crops and vegetation, drying up the water supply, so that stock perish for food and water. and people are dying from the heat by the thousands? God does send judgments upon His people for their disobedience, and perhaps this drouth is one of His judgments. When Christian people quit conforming to the world, loving pleasure, trusting in and co-operating in political schemes and other schemes of men; when they quit all these worldly things, and return to God and His Word, then God will bless them and will send rain.

God says in 2 Chron. 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear

from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." God is holy; and they that are His, must be holy: for He says (Heb. 12:14), that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. It is holiness or hopeless destruction with every one of us. Let every one of us examine himself carefully and prayerfully before God and in the light of His Word, to see if we can be accounted holy and worthy to escape the awful things that are soon coming upon the earth. They who treat these things lightly or indifferently will surely perish from the presence of the Lord, eternally perish, too.

Yes, this old world is sick, and very sick, too. We don't mean the "earth" when we say "world." The world (Kosmos) means organized humanity. for the most part organized on the principles of force, greed, selfishness, ambition and pleasure, of which Satan is the ruler—Satan is god of this world.

For most part the affairs of this old world are carried on without-God, or independent of God. Men like Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini and Roosevelt will never cure the sickness that has prostrated this old world, nor will any man ever effect a curewe must look to God for help.

When Israel, because of her backsliding and disobedience, was sent into captivity, the crown was laid up until He shall come who has a right to wear it (Ezek. 21:27), and the governments of this world God turned over to the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be full (the Jews are cut off during this times of the Gentiles—2520 years from the taking of Zedekiah and the destruction of Jerusalem.—Luke 21:24; Lev. 26:18, 21, 24, 28.).

During this dispensation of Grace God is taking out from among the Gentiles a people for His name (Acts 15:14); 'and He calls to us to "come out from among them" (2 Cor. 6:17). Now, just think on this, then tell me what right a Christian has to be mixed up in political affairs, or be entangled with the affairs of this life, or to support by vote or otherwise that which is evil or has the appearance of evil. See 1 Cor. 9:25; 2 Tim. 2:4; 1 Thess. 5:22.

O yes, every one hopes to be finally crowned with glory: but remember, dear friend, that you must *strive* lawfully, if you gain that prize. Do you ever break the law of God? then read 2 Tim. 2:5 and 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.



#### HARTVILLE, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Wife, and Christian Friends: This morning, June 11, 1936, finds me under many renewed obligations to thank Göd for His many blessings; He has seen fit to send us a wonderful rain, then after the rain comes the beautiful sunshine, and all nature seems to be saying, "God is love."

Well, the lovely month of May seemed to slip by so quickly. I have thought it to be the lovliest month of all, as our churches usually use this month for our Communion and feet washing services. If any service is greater to me than another, it is the sacrament service; I sure do enjoy-it. It was my privilege to be at Hartville this year, and I sure did feel like saying "Glory!"

Well, I want to tell you about one of my neighbor's little girl, that came to visit me the 17th of May, on Sunday. Her name is Louise Wheeler. After being here a short time, she said. "Aunt Lina, if Jesus had come while we were at the carnival last week, do you think He would have stopped to get us?" This was a very sad question for a little girl to ask. I was at that time seated on a settee which had three cushions, and I just moved. over onto the the third one, and said, "This is how I see it, by reading God's word. We will use this cushion (it was almost square). We will say this cushion is the Devil's territory, with all manner of sin in it. We will see what Jesus said first. He said, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments, hold fast that which is good, abstain from all appearance of evil.' You disobeyed when you went to the carnival. Jesus said unto him, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart. and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind;' did you have your mind on Jesus all the time you were there? Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep, and am known of mine.' And Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me: and I give to them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my Father's hand."

These places of worldly amusement are not of God, but of the world: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not. in him. The world passeth swow ond the lust thereof. but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." These are just a few of the things that are said, to teach us to be very careful where we go.

Then she said, "Aunt Lina, you know we are children only once, and do you think it is wrong for our parents to give a little money to ride the ponies and Farris wheel, and see a good time?"

I said, "Did you ever see where Jesus did these things?" Sure He rode an ass into Jerusalem; read Matt. 21:12, and see that He had need of them. You see what a contest he had; it sure is wrong, and not right to spend your money in that way.

Isa. 55:2—"Wherefore do ye spend . money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not? -

Verse 3—"Incline your ear and come unto me: hear and your soul shall live and I will make an everlasting covenant with you."

Prov. 22:6—"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Oh, fathers and mothers, there is such a great responsibility on us, are we, as Christians, doing God's will by setting the right example before our children? Some mothers, and fathers as well, who have their names registered on some church book, are taking their little girls to dancing schools and lefting their little boys and girls go to shows, just any place they want to go. Oh yes, they take them to Sunday school, and perhaps, hurry away before preaching, to get dinner over in time to go to a Sunday show. or some other place of amusement, and maybe spend one or more dollars. But while at Sunday school, they put in a penny, or once in a while five cents to help keep up the Lord's work. If you ask them to subscribe to their church paper, they will say, "I just haven't got the money." Then you can look around and gather up an armfull of old magazines, some of which I would not want Jesus to see in my home. If we could think seriously, as the little girl I told you about, what if Jesus should come?

Mark 13:35—"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning." The crowing of the cock made Peter remember the words of Jesus (Matt. 26:75).

And I am thinking just now of how much we mothers could even learn from the old hens, how they remind

us of how careful we should be with our little children. The old mother hen is constantly watching her little brood around her, and if a hawk flies over, how quickly she gives the alarm of danger, and they all hide. If she sees a snake on the ground, she gives the alarm, and they heed it. She goes about scratching and hunting food for her young, even takes them to the little brook, or where they can get water to drink. Fathers and mothers, are we as careful with our dear children, to warn them of the dangers that await them, by the evil one? "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8).

And just think, the old hen, after the day's work is over, has judgment enough to take her young ones to their resting place. Sometimes mothers have no idea where their children are tonight. The old Devil walks about, seeking them at the show, theater, and numerous other places; and he manages to get around to them all; and these no-harm sins he tells you about, as he is seeking, will cause you to lose your souls.

Jesus said to His disciples, "What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops: and fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." "Fear ye not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows."

Isaiah 45:22—"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." We hear it said by church members, "If you go to church ' and Sunday school in the forenoon, it's all right to go other places in the afternoon." Rev. 3:15—"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art luke warm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my month."

"Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." O God, I pray you, Help us to be just what you would have us to be, and say the things you would have us to say, and love each other as Jesus loved us.

Pray for us, we need your prayers.

Oh, if only I could help some one to believe in Jesus.

Your unworthy servant, Mrs. Lina Claxton.

#### THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

## SPRINGDALE, ARK., R2, B154

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family: I have wanted to write a few lines to the Gem family for a long time, but as I have eye trouble, I kept putting it off; but I felt so great a desire this morning to write, that I asked God to help me write a few lines.

A friend had the Gem sent to us several months ago, and we sure enjoy it, especially those readings by Aunt Lina Claxton. We need more like her.

We enjoyed a visit at our church July 12th by Bro. Truman Allred and Bro. John Swaffar. They gave us a fine service. Folks, I wonder how many of you notice a difference in times now and a few years ago. I remember a few years ago, when we had dry weather, or other national trouble, our President would send out a proclamation asking the people to unite in a day of prayer and fasting, asking God for relief. Do you hear of that now? No, they depend on man for relief. God pity us. Man has no power only as God gives it to him. May our nation wake up and once more look to God for help. Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. C. A. Bagwell.

#### ANTLERS, OKLA., June 26th.

#### Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I hope all the Gem family are enjoying the best of health. I am O. K.

God is still blessing in the services. We had three fine services at Non last Saturday and Sunday, June 20th and 21st. Had an old folks service Sunday morning, and it was good to see the old folks there, so many of them,, and all enjoying the service. It was really a good service. Since the church and people at Non set apart the third Sunday in April as Old Folks day, it will be held annually. Be sure to make your plans to be with us on the third Sunday in April next year. This is an invitation to all. On that day dinner will be served on the grounds. Last Sunday evening was spent in singing. Four cars were used in bringing the old folks to church, and singing and preaching service Sunday night. The Spirit of God was manifested in each service. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all present. The stand was filled at each service by the pastor, Rev. M. M. McKee of Soper, Okla.

We began a meeting at Rock Creek, five miles southwest of Stewart, Okla. last Monday night. Have had four services to date, with three conversions. Pray that God will give us a great revival in this community.

Our next revival will begin on Saturday night before the first Sunday in July at Sugar Creek school house, four miles northwest of Soper, Okla.. where I used to go to school. We will be continually in revival work until the second week in September. We need your prayers, that God will give us power in each service, and will hold us up in each service.

May God wonderfully bless the Gem family. I enjoy all the reports that come through the Gem.

A co-worker in the vineyara,

Rev. M. M. McKee, Soper, Okla., R1

P. S. I wish to correct a mistake I made in the report I sent in tegard to the pastors of Non church. I didn't that Rev. T. J. Townsend and Rev. Jess Howell had pastored Non church until I received one of the papers and came back to Non. I was indeed sorry I made this mistake. Our aged Bro. Townsend and Bro. Jess Howell were both real powers in the service of God, and God wonderfully blessed their labors while they lived in this world, both died in the faith and have gone home to heaven. Their works and influence are still living in this community and other communities where they have lived. -M. M. Mc.K.

## PIONEER NELSON FAMILY . HOLDS REUNION

J. D. McKee Has Lived At Same Place, Three Miles West of Nelson, Since 1886

• A family reunion was held last Sunday, June 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McKee, three miles west of Nelson, Okla., in Chocktaw county. J. D. McKee moved to this place in 1886 and has lived here ever since. He is now 75 years old. Mary Smallwood McKee was born and reared on this place, never made a move in her life only out of one house into another on the same place. She is now 70 years old.

J. D. and Mary McKee were united in marriage November 15, 1886. To this union were born seven sons, two died, one at the age of seven months and the other at twelve years.

Martin, George, Jay, Don and Watie still survive, and an adopted son, Isaac, all of whom were present at the reunion. Also two sisters, Mary Brittain and Lula Riddle were present. All of the children were present for the first time in 14 years.

Those present were Martin, Géorge and family, Jay and family, Don and family, Watie and family, Isaac and family of Breckenridge, Texas; Mary Brittain and one daughter from Wilson, Okla.; Lula Riddle and three children, Ethel McKee and baby; 26 grandchildren and one great grandchild, were present. Fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild failed to arrive.

All of the children were grown and married before leaving the old home place. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all present.

They were separated late Sunday evening, hoping to meet again in another family reunion soon.

#### MONETT MISSION REPORT

Monett, Mo., July 17, 1936. Dear Mission Workers and Gem Readers: I will try to give a report of our Foreign Mission.

We met the first Tuesday and organized and elected officers as follows: President ...... Mrs. Ben Hunt Sec'y-Treas. ..... Mrs. Ella Atwell

We meet the first Tuesday night in each month; and have a program prepared for each meeting. Our last meeting was held July 7th. Had a good attendance and a good program. Meeting opened by singing. Scripture lesson, first chapter of Jonah, read by President. Report of last meeting read by secretary. Prayer by Mrs. Priestley. An interesting letter from Bro. Willey was read by president. Report of treasurer showed a balance of \$6.75 in treasury.

A play, "A China Hospital," was given.

#### OHARACTERS

Doctor ...... Miss Lucy Deckard Servant ..... Miss Marjorie Hunt Messenger ...... Mabel Elrod Patients: Helen Gregory, Thelma Gregory, Frankie Hultgren, Wilma Gates, Clarce Mae Fredrick, Eveline Gates, Virginia Gregory, Sara Louise Alyea.

Dismissed with prayer by president to meet again, August 4th.

MISSION: To carry the message of the Gospel to those that are lost: to carry the message to the people whatever the cost.

Your nickles and dimes will help carry on God's work, it will make you divine; so hurry up, don't shirk.

-Mrs. Myrtle Alyea.

Ô

(A)

## **DESLOGE, MO.,** July 20, 1936.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: As I failed to get in a report to the Gem last month, I will try to write a few lines as a report for this month. I have been busy for the Lord.

We had a wonderful meeting at Joplin, Mo., not so many converts, but a real meeting. We left Joplin on the fourth of July, early that morning, while the good folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde.Byrd, with whom we stayed, were asleep. We got up and got our breakfast and left for Flat River, Mo., to visit some of the pecpie who are very dear to us, and the good pastor, Eld. Jas. F. Miller, whom we regard as one among the best of pastors in the Free Will Baptist church.

We were blessed with the privilege of hearing after arriving in Flat River, that a meeting was going on at the Free Will Baptist church, and after eating dinner with Bro. and Sister Ben Dess who were converted in the meeting we held at Flat River last winter, we went to the church and sure surprised some of them. Bro. Hand being the evangelist, brot a soul-stirring message.

After a week of just eating at the Lord's table, we came to Desloge, Mo. where we are now engaged in a revival with the Free Will Baptist church of which Sister Tommie Franklin is pastor. We have been here one week today. We have been having some real old time services, nb one has been saved as yet, but conviction is written on the faces of many. We are looking forward to a wonderful meeting. I never have worshipped with a more earnest church. While the congregations are small, they do know God.

Daniel said, "They that do know their God, shall be strong and do exploits."

We covet your prayers, that we will have a good meeting.

We have been called upon to pastor this year, but we are halting between two opinions. When we look on the fields and see the need for an evangelist, our heart aches and longs to go forth in the name of the Lord.

It has been such a sacrifice this year; that I sometimes wonder what to do. I intend to follow the leadings of the Spirit, regardless of the cost. Pray for me, that the Lord will lead. We will go next, the Lord willing,

to Leadington, Mo. for a revival.

If any Free Will Baptist church would like to have us for a meeting, .

we would be glad if you would write to us, as we would like to be in every F. W. B. church. But as our calls are many, we have to know ahead.

We are planning to be at the Indian Creek Association, and will see many of you folk there.

Röhhember your pledges for the State work, and everybody that can, please send in what you can for the State work. Send it to Bro. Winford Lavis, Monett, Mo.

Pray for us, and may God bless all. Eld. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn. Address Flat River, Mo.

# **OUR WOMEN'S WORK**

We are thinking this morning of our women and their great opportunity. A few years ago our women were doing very little in church work, but today they have a national organization; and it was our privilege to be present in Glennville, Ga. while they were in session.

It would have done you good to see and hear what has been accomplished in the last ten years. Some splendid plans were launched by these noble women, in fact we feel that through Sisters Lupton, Polston, Welch and others a great work has been done, and gone down on history's pages, that will do good to all who come in contact with our women's work.

First we want to say that they have succeeded in getting the local organization in most of the churches in the East. Then in several states they have succeeded in getting district organizations, and also state conventions, composed of the local and district societies. Also they are helping in a financial way.

One thing we like so well, these different societies are working for our paper, and we feel that in the West, if each Missionary circle would see how many subscriptions they could secure each month, it would be a splendid way to get our work before the members, and especially send the paper to shut-ins. Sister Phinney of Bryan, Texas introduced a fine thing that will be a great help to all of our work, and I hope she soon has a piece in both papers telling us how to do it. Sister Phinney is one of our splendid talented young women that will be a great blessing in our mission work; and I am sure it wont be long till she gives us the plan.

I have always loved mission work, and for years we were on new fields

with the tent meetings, and all that reads this help us pray till we get the new Gospel tent. I wish every mission circle would pray and ask God to let you give an offering on the new tent. We are already receiving funds, and will give the names thru the Gem:

1'-

Bro. J. L. Bounds, Waco, Tex., \$1.00 S. S. and League Convention, 2.50 Mrs. Sallie Pyle, Bedias, Tex., 2.00 Mrs. John Corner, Bedias, Tex., 2.00 Mrs. J.W. Coffman, Mt. Grove, Mo., 2.00 Mrs. W. Blackwell, Niangua, Mo., 5.00

This will be a splendid mission work for our women, to help get a tent to go into the needy places and win souls. We need a real spirit of mission work at home, as well as for foreign lands. We ought to have a number of Gospel tents and missionaries in the field here in our cities and towns where we have no churches. So help us pray for a tent, and that soon.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams, 🖂

# WANTED

As director of the school movement and the school management, 1 am earnestly asking for at least 100 ministers and church leaders in our connection, East and West, to hold special prayer services at their respective places of worship, on Sunday, August 16, 1936, for the success of the school, The aim of the prayer request is that God will give the board wis. dom in the completing of plans for the opening of the school, and for the successful management of the school on a sound economie basis of finance. Also, that the personel of the school will be such consecrated men and women that the school and personel will gain confidence with the people of our connection. Too, that God will give inspiration to our people to support the institution in students and finance, and all such support as the school may need for success. May we ask God, that the school may be able to open and enroll at least, and more. fifty students the first year.

May we work unitedly with heart and soul for the success of said institution, and pray muck and often for the same. May the whole brotherhood join me in this request.

Yours in Jesus' name, T. B. Mellette, Sec.-Treas.

0

 $\langle \mathbb{C}$ 

F.

"THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

Page Seven

# Report of Our Missionary Rev. T. H. Willey, Missionary to South America

"And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles" (Acts 14:27.

The first missionaries sent out from Antioch, the center of early Christendom, were making their first report of the reception of the Gospel

by the Gentiles. One word in the account gets our attention, REHEARSED. We desire to rehearse a few things to you. First, it is very much a settled fact that in the providence of God, we shall sail the first part of the month of September to prospect a field for our church among those who have never heard. We are making all arrangements to this end.

At Glennville, Georgia, we met the · members of the Foreign Mission Board and drafted our proposed procedures, funds were to be made available as they came in for the trip and support, of my family. It would be out of the question to take a family, or any one along on this trip, as the explorer must rough it in the roughest sense, and this necessitates a knowledge of how to care for one's health, and ease of transportation from place to place; alone, we can pack up in the middle of the night and, be on our way.

Our journey takes us through the southern part of Texas, going from Houston, as far as we know now. We shall drive through by car to Glennville, Ga., where we have a meeting with Bro. Davidson for the last week in August and the first in September. This is the home church of Sister Barnard who is in India. This will necessitate going into Texas by the Southern route.

At the present time we are in a little fishing village on the eastern shore of North Carolina, about five yards from the waves of the Nuese river, during the day corresponding with those interested in missions and getting our equipment in order, while at night we are in revival meeting with our dear Bro. Griffin, known and loved among all our people, not only of the East, but of the West. Bro. ... Griffin is a precious man of God, and

how he has helped make possible a few weeks with the wife and babies, and what it means to us, he will never fully realize.

Just a year and a week ago we spoke at a Young People's rally at Durham, N. C. on Missions, and from that day on God did talk to some of us about the "other sheep" the Master has, with the results that we said good by to some very precious people,

> that we had learned to love and became pilgrims with no certain dwelling place. How our hearts were made to rejoice as we moved in and out among our people of . the West, and oh, how happy we are about all that God has promised to us, and what we shall do under the leading of the Spirit.

The thing that has pleased me greatly has been the

T. H. Willey prompt response in many places in the West to organize Foreign Missionary Societies and groups; I am praying that these societies will be a blending of every group in every church, that the Leagues will swing a strong wing into this; for you see the Young People's League means worlds to me, for it was in their rally that the Lord spoke to me so definitely. Missions should not claim just a small part of your interest as a member of the church, but to the contrary, should be the chief center of your attractions.

> Now we are thoroughly aware that INTEREST must be KEPT up and we shall do with all our might and keep it up. If you have a society of any kind interested in Foreign Missions, we want you to get a hulletin. I would suggest that you get a picture frame with a glass in it, probably you can get a piece of composition board for the back of the frame on which you can paste the picture group. Write to me if you desire a group, which will be composed of the missionary family under the title of "Our 'Missionary Family," then every quarter we shall try to give you a new group as we go on our way. If you can, do it; for it will help me a lot. Slip a coin in your envelope when you write for the pictures as I shall have to pay the cost of printing. To those who desire to keep in touch with us by correspondence, we will send per

sonal letters, which will have in them our progress and things for which we shall pray definitely.

All this within ONE YEAR; I think bespeaks an abounding interest in doing the will of God in obedience to His commission.

And now a closing word:

"Say not ye (don't say we have four months, plenty of time), there are yet four months, then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up yeur eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to the harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other, men labored and ye are entered into their labors" (John 4:35-38).

P. S.-I took some pictures of the delegates at Glennville, Ga. and received orders for the same with names and addresses. These names and addresses were lost when moving. If the folk who ordered the enlargements, and paid for them, will send me a postal card addressed Rev. T.H. Willey, P. O. Box 351, Oriental, N. C., as soon as the pictures come, I will forward the same.

Also there are some things we shall need in our equipment for the trip down to South America, as follows:

1. A strong set of field glasses.

2. A 20 gauge repeating or automatic shot gun.

3. A moving picture machine, can be secured cheaply.

4. Funds for medical supplies.

5. Funds for photo supplies,

6. Funds for amunition.

7. Funds for trinkets, such as fish hooks, mirrors, beads, as gifts to the Indians.

8. If some of you live near a saddle making shop, obtain for me some wide straps of saddle skirting about three inches wide by fifty inches long. These will be for belts.

There may be those who can secure the above items very cheaply for me. If so, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. -T. H. W.

. GOD DELIGHTS TO HELP

The Lord restores my soul again When to His footstool I repair; Faith never looks for help in vain; God loves to answer prayer.



#### Page Eight

# **Tulsa Church Report**

Evelyn Miller, Church Reporter



#### Melvin Bingham, Pastor

Tulsa, Okla., July 26, 1936. Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers: It is, indeed, a pleasure to submit another Tulsa Church report to your wonderful little paper, for publication, after several months of silence.

Not silent on account of neglect, or lack of interest in God's work, or that we are tired of this great work and are not willing to sacrifice and strive on to the end of the way, but the hand of sickness struck us down some four months ago, and disabled us in this work up to the present time, but today we are thanking God for a renewed strength and patched up body, and ready to get back to work on the firing line for our Master.

So at this time we are going to try to give a brief report of our much loved pastor and his faithful wife's work during the seven year period of pastoring Tulsa church, and now beginning his eighth year here.

Being called at the age of sixteen to carry the Gospel, he has preached in various churches, in Oklahoma as well as in other states that your reporter does not have a correct report of for the past eighteen years.

Marrying early in life, he has a wonderful Christian companion walking by his side, helping at all times to carry the Blood Stained banner of Jesus Christ. To grace this happy home and make their life more complete, God has given them three wonderfully talented children. The eldest

## WARREN, ARKANSAS

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

daughter, Alveta, a talented musician and our pianist for several years. Bortha Mae, the second daughter, is a talented singer and choir director, as well as Melvin Jr., who also sings. Bro. Melvin Bingham was ordained to the Gospel ministry, August 28, 1920. His Ordaining Council consisted of the following ministers: Rev. A. L. Broyles, .... Lyons, Mo. Rev. J. R. Reid, ..... Abo, Mo. Rev. R. P. Wilson, .... Lebanon, Mo.

The first marriage ceremony Bro. Mclvin ever performed was Mr. Oscar Hargis and Miss Elsie Fall, in the year 1929. In the same year he preached his first funeral sermon, that of Mr. Jim Andrews.

July 2, 1929 to July 2, 1936

In the seven years, that he has pastored Tulsa church, he has seen the membership grow from a mere handful of people to a membership of 335. He has preached 799 sermons, had 1,024 conversions, baptized 314, held 88 funerals and married 97 couples.

Through his leadership twenty feet was added to the old church building, new modern seats have replaced the old wooden "benches, an overstuffed chair and a new Bible stand, three Walnut collection plates, a Tithes chest, and a new altar.

Two years ago Bro. Melvin suggested a church basement—it has been completed and is in use for six Sunday School rooms, with kitchen and dining room accommodations. Also the Pastorium.

From July 1, 1935 to July 1, 1936, Bro. Melvin has preached 116 sermons, held several revivals, had 139 conversions, baptized 26, additions to the church 35, preached 14 funerals, performed 16 marriage ceremonies, received, as salary, \$765. 00, received, from evangelistic sources, \$66.16, received \$55.00 as traveling expenses to and from conferences and traveled in the neighborhood of 10,000 miles, all done for the Master.

At the present writing we have \$400.00 in a building fund, and in the near future we hope to start work on a new church building.

We close by asking an interest in the prayers of all God's people.

If you will spare us a little space in the good paper, we will try to tell the brothers and sisters how the Lord blessed us at Harmony church, near Warren, Arkansas.

Bro. J. D. Coffman of Hector, Ark. was with us, and did most of the preaching; and you who have heard this man of God, have an idea of how the people of this church were blessed through the Gospel sermons that he delivered, from the first to the last.

The church was greatly revived and souls were saved and backsliders were reclaimed, and three took membership with the church. Eternity alone can tell how much good was accomplished.

The good people of this church like Bro. Coffman so well that they have asked him to move into this Association and do pastoral work.

May the good Lord bless every one, is my prayer. Pray for us, that we may lead a quiet, peacable and holy life, and do much for the glory of God. Eld. J. E. White.

## UNIONTOWN, ARK., June 29th

Dear Brother Brown:

I am sending in a report of our new church at Pleasant Grove, Arkansas.

We held a few days' revival here, with Bro. Glenn Dipboye in charge of the meeting. Fifteen souls were saved, after which we organized a church with nineteen members.

We thank God that He has showered down a great blessing on the people at this place, and we hope to continue to carry on a great work here for the Lord, praying that those who did not yield their lives to God during the meeting will come yet and be saved.

We ask God's people to pray for our little church, that it may grow and prosper.

Bro. Dipboye will pastor for us this year.

Eld. R. H. Rose.

#### MACEDONIA MISSION REPORT

Monett, Mo., R1, July 20th. Well, Hello Mission Workers of our Free Will Baptist Mission Circles Everywhere: As it has been a long time since we have written to you through the Gem, we now let you know that we are still serving God, and striving to do something for the good cause. We should all be busy about our Father's work, as there is lots to do, to keep our Lord's house clean from filth and sin.

We should speak a word of encouragement to those that are not living or doing just as they should: for we

0

are all subject to stepping aside sometimes; but our Lord will make that right, if we go to Him in prayer. So let's help each other, and watch and pray: for prayer is the key that unlocks the door that leads from earth to glory. Let's be careful and not lose the key, nor forget the worth of prayer.

We mission workers need your prayers and co-operation very much, to help us plan something that is worth while, to raise money for our State meeting this fall. We feel that we have a great responsibility making preparation, and still will appreciate all of you coming very much. We just want to ask that, if any of you has any new idea or plan to raise money for the cause, please let us know by a letter in the Gem or a personal letter. We would appreciate it very much. I think we should help each other by exchanging new ideas and thoughts in our work.

They are just completing the basement under the church, which is very nice. We have had other work to do on the church house, which will make it pretty hard on us, but we pray that God will help us through.

May your church and our church grow and glow for God.

We ask that the richest of blessings rest on our faithful pastor, Rev. Winford Davis.

Julia Davis, President,

Pauline Henderson, Sec'y-Treas.

### RUDY, ARK., July 11, 1936

Dear Brothers and Sisters, and Gem Readers: I see in the Gem where Eld. Bruce Phillips tells of a Flower Service. I am sure that was nice, but will you just let me tell you of our Old People's day at Lone Elm Free Will Baptist church, eight miles north of Rudy, Ark. It was the fifth session of the Old People's day, on the fourth Sunday in June.

Five years ago Rev. Ben Pixley arranged for a day each year to reverence all the old people, both saint and sinner. All are counted old from fifty years old and up. We pin ribbons on all the old people.

We had about two hundred old people out this year, and the entire crowd was estimated at two thousand.

We sing old time hymns and the old people gave in some real testimonies, and all seemed to be filled with the Spirit. Then we had a real Gospel sermon delivered by Bro. M. M. McKee of Soper, Okla. Bro. Tom Robertson concluded. Then a short talk by Bro. Ben Pixley, followed by an old time hymn, and a hand shake. Some were very happy and shouted.

Dismissed for dinner.

It is a great thrill to see those old people get together to serve the Lord in the old fashioned way, and it seems to me it would bring any one closer to the Lord.

I am sorry to say that afternoon we had just a few songs, then had to dismiss on account of having no water.

Just give to me the old folks, With their hair of silver gray,

Just give to me the old folks, And we'll have a better day,

They are traveling slowly, Traveling to that city far beyond, Just give to me the old folks.

With their sweet old fashioned songs.

This is my first time to write to the little Gem; if you have room for me, I may write again.

-Mary Lou Pixley.

#### HE DIED

"God commendeth his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Jesus died on the Cross.

To save us from loss,

He died, he died, .

If it hadn't been for him, We would still be in sin, He died, he died,

#### CHORUS

He died, he died, he died, For me, he died for you, He shed his blood on Calvary, For me, for you, he died.

He died, he was crucified, To save me and you,

He died, he died, he died.

Those cruel men of sin, Oh, they crucified him.

He died, he died,

He looked above and said, God, forgive them for what they did, He died, he died.

Poor Mary cried, As she saw him crucified, He died, he died.

He was King of the Jews.

He saved me, he'll save you, He died, he died.

He bowed his head and died, As cruel people laughed and cried, He died, he died.

I'm happy as can be, For I'm saved from sin, you see, He died, he died.

-Sara Louise' Alyea.

## **REPORT OF Q. MEETING**

The Douglas County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Friendship F. W. B. church, south of Mansfield, Mo., May 28, 1936, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

Scripture lesson read by moderator from Eph. 4. Prayer by Bro. Austin Wright. After Introductory sermon, the following officers were elected: Moderator ...... Eld. O. L. Claxton Ass't Mod., ..... Eld. Claud Smith

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials-Elders Ernie Dethridge, W. E. George, T. B. Marler, C. J. Smith, E. N. Owens, Oliver Letterman.

Business-Elders A. M. Halford, John Marler, and T. F. England.

Divine Service—Brothers Abb Dethridge, Barnard Dethridge and Sister Nina Sherman.

Minutes of last Q. M. read and approved.

By-Laws of Q. M. read.

The enrollment at this session of the Q. M. was composed of eight (8) ordained ministers, one licensed minister, two church clerks, nine ordained deacons, five ministers' wives and fourteen delegates, representing eight churches. Reports were received from the eight churches and delegates seated in council with the Q. M.

Bro. Clark Lambert was recommended to the Q. M. for examination for license to preach the Gospel, was found worthy, and granted license for one year.

Several topics were discussed and much good spiritual information was given by the various ones who discussed them.

Collection taken at Q. M., and also amount sent in by various churches to help Bro. L. M. Marler in his efforts to finish paying for the new roof on Happy Home church amounted to \$13.69.

Voted to hold next session of Q. M. with the Lone Star church, east of Seymour, Mo., on August 28, 1936, commencing at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Eld. Claud J. Smith, with Eld. Ray Letsinger, as alternate, to preach the Introductory sermon at next meeting.

This session of our Q. M. was very good, with both a good attendance and a good spiritual meeting. We are asking an interest in your prayers, that the next one may be as good or better.

> Eld. O. L. Claxton, Moderator, Arthur Lund, Clerk.

# Three Classes By Eld. Winford Davis

#### Introduction:

When the Lord was preparing to deliver Israel from the hand of the Midianites under the leadership of Gideon, there had to be a great boiling down before an army could be found that God. could really depend on. They had that natural weakness of self-glory. God could not give the victory to the entire number, because they would take the glory to themselves, and say, "We did it." Many are the victories we lose, simply because we are too weak to stand it. God's people need to be strong.

#### 1st. The Fearful:

The first command of God was. "Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from Mt. Gilead" (Jud. 7.:3). There remained ten thousand. To begin with there were thirty-two thousand; so we see the vast number that were cowardly. But how much different is it today? When it comes to the real defence of God's cause, isn't it true that we have many cowards? I tell you, If God can use a coward to any purpose at all, it surely is a small one. But God was earnest with these people. This was a serious time. If you are afraid, go home out of the way, you will only be a hindrance in this great task. I imagine that was about the feeling of God and His servant Gideon. Folk today are afraid to testify, afraid to pray, afraid to preach, afraid to condemn sin, afraid to stand up for the right, afraid to venture for God, afraid to undertake, afraid to take God at His word; no wonder Jesus said, "O ye of little faith." It takes real courage and bravery on the battlefield for God. A lot of folk

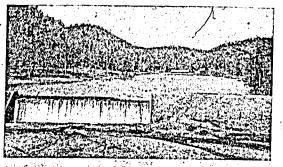
are all right so long as all is going easy. But when the fight gets hot and hard, they like to go home. The time to be a Christian is when the church is in trouble, when you are being talked about, when the enemy is around watching and listening.

#### 2nd. The Careless:

After twenty-two thousand went home and left ten thousand, "the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them unto the water and I will try them for thee there" (Judges 7:4) "Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink" (verse 5).

All but 300 of the 10,000 bowed down upon their knees to drink, Thev didn't stop to consider that the enemy lay in the valley near by as grasshoppers for multitude, and might come upon them any moment. All they were thinking of was self-satisfaction, just the quenching of their natural thirst. The others picked the water up in their hand, lapped like a dog, and watched at the same time. All a lot of church folk think of is self-satisfaction and pleasure, regardless. Thereby they give the enemy all the show he wants. If they get thirsty for something of the world, to the world they go, forgetting every thing else, it seems. They come back and expect to be just as useful in the church as ever before.

This thoughtless class were not afraid; they were willing to go and face the enemy. I don't suppose you could have displayed enough weapons to have scared them. There are folk like that you know, who just have bioldness and nothing else. But they were careless, thoughtless, inconsistent; they seemed to lack knowledge, and wisdom. A lot of people are always ready to do something in the church, but don't know when or how to do it. I know a lady who was as good and as willing a soul as ever lived; but she would kneel down by a seeker at the altar, blocking the only avenue of approach to the seeker. and believe me she would really stay put. No one else could get to the



One of the beautiful scenes at the Roaring River State Park. Only a 30 minute drive from the Gem office.

seeker unless there happened to be some other opening. Well, to be sure such earnestness is highly commendable; but she was thoughtless of the message others might have had for the seeker. Lots of times a song leader thinks he has to change songs right when the temperature of the service 'is running high, and then everything will cool off while he is searching and looking through the book for some song that just suits him. A lot of times the janitor will kill a good service by letting the house get too cold, and then if he stirs, the fire at all it will be exactly when the special song is being rendered or when the minister starts to make the altar call. Willing, but careless. Some folk will go to a seeker at the altar to give him counsel, and will expect that seeker to grasp what they are saying, keep their faith centered upon God, and at the same time bear up the almost unbearable burden of the adversary as they rest upon and bore their elbows into their back. God said His, people would be a peculiar people, and some of us certainly donot fall short of that Scripture. Sometimes I feel that the main burden of our prayer should be for wisdom, or that something in us that makes us to know what, when, and how to do.

#### 3rd. The Useful:

The 300 that lapped the water like a dog were the accepted ones. They were dependable. They could be relied upon. They were alert. They were wide awake. They were aware of the situation. They realized the nearness and trickery of the enemy. A small per cent indeed of the 32,000, but how much does it differ from today? These people were very thirsty, no doubt; as they would have to have been or it would not have been a consistent test or trial of the multitude, and oh, how hard it is to have to lap just a little water at a time when one is so thirsty. But this was

> their test. God had just said. "I will try them for thee at the water." We are prone to want to lose sight of everything else except the quenching of the thirst under such circumstances: but we must remember when we are tempted to gratify self, that the enemy is near. 'Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself . . ." Without self-denial there is no victory with God. Truly they were a small band, but true and proven.

Ţ₫

It is'nt the number that counts, and does things for God, but those who stand the test. God needs wide awake people today, a people who are willing and careful. A Spirit led people. A watchful people. So many places we are commanded to watch. So many people are unaware of the times in which we are living-Of the unusual power of the Devil in the world today. Many are unaware of the signs of the soon return of our Lord, the fulfillment of prophecy, etc. The Devil is going about seeking whom he may devour, and if you follow after the desire of self you are liable to be ensnared by him. Let us strive to be in the 300 class. We may have to do without things and be deprived here, but we are going to a place of plenty. Remember Jesus said, Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

# **MORE ABOUT THE SCHOOL**

As has been announced, and according to the educational committee appointed at the General Conference session, held at Jakin, Ga. (Midway church), and the decision of said educational committee at the General Conferance at Black Jack church one year later, Nashville, Tenn., was selected as a suitable location for said designated college. At the Glennville session recently held, the Board of Education, now of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, designated Cofers Chapel Sunday School Annex building for the opening of school.

As you have noticed the announcement in the papers of our connection, Wednesday, September 23, 1936, has been named as the opening day.

All those who anticipate entering, or who have children to enter, will please communicate with me relative to the course of study and estimated cost of the same.

The board expects to offer coures in Preparatory, High School, Biblical or Theological, Music and College work as soon as warranted.

Too, a course will be offered in Church Extension, Sunday School, Young People's Work, and Missions. May the secretary and treasurer ask that offerings be sent in as early as possible, by Sept. 1, 1936, and before if convenient. The reason is, the Sunday School annex is to get in readiness for the opening of Such a.

#### THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

school; a building in the vicinity, or rooms in private homes, will be to secure for students to room in. This means we must equip such with some furnishings, such as bedsteads, mattresses, tables, chairs, etc. The same in both cases of male and female students. Too, a mess hall will be to equip for boarding purposes. So you see why the board needs money real early. The board hopes that leading men and women of our denomination will get together and arrange some plan for raising the money; better say taking collections.

The amount wanted from the states has been specified, and we hope this can be done without any great overhead expense.

We judge that collections will be short in some sections, and maybe in whole states, because of lack of leadership and organization, but if the school goes, it must depend on the sympathizers of such an enterprise. A few have said what they could get their churches to do; now this is for encouragement, and no doubt these ministers who are pastoring the stronger churches can raise even double what they anticipate.

As one, connected, who knows what it is to work hard and sacrifice, I am hoping the moderators of state conferences, and state conventions, together with different association and conference moderators will name committees who will work for the raising of the first \$10,000.00, and not stop, but keep working; for the program calls for a five year plan and establishing of a college.

Now, something has been said about a person who has some idea of making an offer of college co-operation, so this correspondence is being undertaken to find out something definite. Also, a voice concerning some school property elsewhere; too, some correspondence concerning this. But these matters will have to come before the board in definite form before a real conclusion can be reached. If . there are other propositions, may the board be informed in a business like way? . •

May we as a people pray much, work hard, and send donations along to the board, that real definite steps can be made, as being ready when the opening day arrives.

September the first will soon be here. The time is short, so get busy with the board for success and something for which our people will praise God, and be proud.

T. B. Mellette, Sec'y-Treasurer.

#### Page Eleven

# OUR SCHOOL

We, the Board of Education of the National Association chosen by the National Association while in session at Nashville, Tenn. last fall, met at Glennville, Ga., with the Eastern Member, June 16, 1936, and submitted our proposition, which was accepted:

First, we set a goal of \$150,000.00 to be raised by the Eastern Member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists by the 1641 session. Said money to be apportioned upon a per capita basis. Basing our estimate upon the statistician's report of 68,000 members, the amount per capita is \$2.21 each, or 50c per capita for each year for five years.

Second, too, we ask for \$100,000.00 from the Western Member of the National Association on the same basis as above outlined.

Third, we also ask for \$10,000.00 to be raised as follows, namely:

\$2,500.00 by September 1, 1936; \$2,500.00 by Nov. 1, 1936; \$5,000.00 by January 1, 1937. The amount to be raised apportioned as follows, namely:

North Carolina \$2,000.00; South Carolina \$500.00; Georgia \$300.00; Tennessee \$1,000.00; Texas \$800.00; Alabama \$500.00; Florida \$209.00. Ohio \$200.00; Missouri \$1,000.00; Okla. \$1,000.00; Arkansas \$1,000.00; Kentucky \$1,000.00; Miss. \$500.00.

Some may wonder why we ask more from some states than others; it was aportioned according to the membership in each state. We feel sure that each state will co-operate with us, and we are asking you to hold up our hands while we go forward in the battle. We want a school, and we cannot work without finance, we cannot go forward without your, help. We are asking that every Free Will Baptist that reads this article will just sit down and write the Secretary-Treasurer, enclose an offering, and mail to Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakley, Ga. To my many friends who do not know Bro. Mellette, I can vouch for Bro. Mellette, that every cent you send to him will go directly to the School. He is a real man of God. Write him, he will be glad to correspond with you. Enclose an offering and send it to him for the school. We want the school to start September 23, 1936.

If you have a boy or girl wishing to enter school, let Bro. Mellette know. Our church is going to do its best for the school; come on, let's go!

A member of the Board, Rev. Melvin Bingham,

833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

1 . ...

# Promised Deliverance By Mrs. W. M. Watkins

"Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell" (Psalm 16:10).

What a grand promise God has given us in this message, put forth by the great Psalmist, as a type of the love, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. After his arrest and his trial before the judgment seat of men, the Lord Jesus was buffetted and abused in all manner of things; and they spoke against him many blasphemous lies to tear down his power to deliver the human race from sin, and doom man to death as they did Christ our Lord. The same Devil still lives and is working to destroy our power in the work, and our souls and bodies, and to bring us to death and utter darkness.

The Lord Jesus was crucified without the walls of Jerusalem, the city was too holy a place to enact such a scene, and to perform such a transaction. The rulers of the city had more regard for the city of Jerusalem than they did for the Son of God: He must be crucified, but it must not be done within the city walls. "He suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12), still it was near Jerusalem" (John 19:20).

It was just outside the city that this fulfillment of one of the types of the sin offering, offered outside the camp, was accomplished. The dear Lord was made sin for us, that is, he was made a sin offering for us. God's Lamb was led to the slaughter, the place of crucifixion, between two thieves: he died that we might live, if we believe his word and serve him.

Then said Jesus, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment and cast lots." Our Lord died without any clothes. Just think! He had no garments to die in, was sold by his own, robbed by their law, and murdered by soldiers, and yet he said, "Have mercy on them, they don't know they are taking the life of the Son of God; forgive them Father." Peter and Paul both speak of this ignorance in speaking of the crucifixion of Christ by his own people (Acts 3:17; 1 Cor. 2:8). We must not think the wrong we do in ignorance does not make us guilty, or clears us from the sin; if this were so, then ignorance would be desirable

but we are to know the word and will of God and obey Him. Faith and righteousness, godliness, love and obedience to our God will bring about the new birth, that makes us the sons of God: for this Christ died and rose again, that we might by His good pleasure have life and salvation; and God will not leave our souls in hell, but we will shine forth as a bright star in the presence of God our Maker, and live on and on; wont that be glory by and by?

viab.

His sufferings were foreshadowed in the sacrifices and foretold by the prophets. He did save others, but he could not save himself, if He saved himself from the Cross; but the Jews seemed to be blind to this fact. The soldiers mocked Him, and said, "If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself," but the good Savior went on to death and the resurrection, finished His mission here until He comes again to receive us who are faithful to the end. How wonderful He was to His disciples in all His teaching and love and respect to them in their lack of understanding! His work seemed to impress on their hearts and minds so little they had very little understanding while He was with them.

The thief said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." The thief believed that Christ had a kingdom, that He was the King of the Jews, and would come into possession of His kingdom; so he humbly asked Him to remember him. This is a simple statement, but it has a great meaning. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." The Lord replied to the penitent thief in words of absolute assurance: his great faith received a great reward, as does the faith of all that believe on the Lord.

"And it was about the sixth hour and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour (3 p. m.)." This was the hour for the evening sacrifice. The darkness was supermatural and extended over all the earth, a manifestation because of the Lord who was now about to die for the sins of the world. A holy God had hidden His face, because the sins of the world were resting upon Him. He was forsaken by God the Father in that dark hour, but this darkness

was no doubt to be a sign to Israel. The leaders of Israel had asked for a sign from heaven, now they were given a sign of darkness that certainly signified the darkness of their hearts. Our Lord in His death glorified God, the way into the holiest was made manifest (Heb. 9:8, 24; 10:19, 22), the rending of the veil signified that, for the believer on Christ there is now a direct and free access unto God on the grounds of the shed. blod of our Savior and Lord.

"And He did eat before them." His disciples were still in doubt of His resurrection. How graciously our risen Lord revealed His relationship with the disciples as He showed them, not only the marks of suffering on the Cross, but also the fact that He, though risen, is still partaker of human nature and, thank God, will continue to be throughout the eternal ages, a partaker of our human nature. He shares in our humility, that we may share in His glory, the glory of Heaven, with all its splendors, beauties and lovliness.

"Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thy holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for ever more."

# SPECIAL NOTICE

Just as the State minutes have gone out my attention has been called to a mistake in the minute, which I want to take opportunity here to correct. On page eight (8) we find it reads Motion carried to adopt like this: item two of Business Committee. Now item two, as you will see on page 11, reads as follows: Inasmuch as our Association is growing to such proportions as to become a financial burden to the community in which it is held, we recommend that a charge of 15c per meal be charged all visitors. Now this item of the business committee was voted down by an overwhelming majority, as we all remember who attended the last State meeting at Flat River, Mo. So please do not be influenced in the least by that statement in the minute. We certainly are looking for you at the State meeting this fall. We have been preparing throughout the past vear.

Winford Davis, State Clerk.

(A

**A** 

(<u>j</u>)

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

# OBITUARY

## Riléy Gilbert Shockley

In the early evening of July 17th, the death angel hovered over our home and carried away, on the wings of death, our beloved brother and uncle.

Like the golden grain to be harvested, God the Reaper came and claimed His own. As the grain that gains new life in spring he will gain new life in Heaven with the God who called him home.

Riley Gilbert Shockley, son of Nancy Caroline and Caswell Phoenix Shockley, was born July 26, 1863, in Gentry county, Mo., and departed this life July 17, 1936, being at the time of his death 72 years, 11 months and 21 days old. When only a small boy he came with his parents to Cedar County, Mo. He has lived the greater part of his life near Stockton, Missouri.

When a young man he joined the Free Will Baptist church at Cedar Bluff. There he remained a true member until Jesus transferred his membership to Heaven. He took an active part in church and Sunday school in his younger days, but in later years, while unable to attend regularly, he still remained a faithful Christian.

Uncle Riley, as he was known to everyone, has for the last several years, made his home with Earl Shockley.

He leaves to mourn his passing, one sister, Mrs. Lillie Whitley of Arcola, Mo.; one brother, Bood Shockley of Greenfield, Mo.; several neices, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

You have gone away, dear brother, Home to us is not the same,

- You have left our family circle, And Heaven is your gain.
- How we miss you; dear brother, But we know your sufferings are o'er,

And we know you will sleep On that bright and golden shore.

Oh, we miss you, dear brother! Your voice is forever stilled,
A place is vacant in our home, That never can be filled.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo., and the body was laid to rest in the Younger cemeterv.

## COURSE OF STUDY ARRANGED FOR OUR SCHOOL

A TWO YEAR BIBLE COURSE

#### First Year

- 1. Bible Doctrines
- 2. English Literature, or such course as is needed
  - 3. Sunday School Courses
  - 4. Social Sciences
  - 5. Church Extension

6. Elective—Language, Greek, Homiletics, Psychology, Homeneutics

#### Second Year

 Bible Studies in Synthesis
 English Composition in Theory and Practice

3. Theology

4. Homiletics

5. Church History

6. Elective—Greek Languages, Philosophy, Missionary Studies, Biblical Ethics, Christian Evidences

#### HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

This will be conducted according to plans and outlined course of study as the State of Tennessee embraces. It probably embraces:

#### First Year

English, History, Algebra, Science, Language

#### Second Year

English, Literature, Mathematics, Science, History, Bible Language

#### Third Year

English, Literature, Mathematics-Probably Plane Ceometry, Bible, History, Government and Home Economics, Language

#### Fourth Year

English and Literature, Algebra and Arithmetic, Language, Bible, History, Science

NOTE—Bible will be an elective, but during the course the student will be required to take at least two Bible courses.

#### Special Preparatory

This is to fit those who are not qualified to pursue regular courses, but need special courses fitting the student for his work.

Music will be arranged by the teacher and pupil.

#### College Work, if Warranted English, Literature, Mathemati

English, Literature, Mathematics, Science, Philosophy, Language, HisCOST—The aim of the Board is to give the best for the least.

Registration and tuition for literary students will be \$40.00 per year. Ministerial Students who are recommended by their church and pastor will pay \$15.00 per year. Music Students will pay regular tuition rates according to the course.

Table board for the entire year is estimated at \$120.00, or \$15.00 per month. Rhom rent should not be over \$2.50 per month, and if possible, will be less for each student. Where as many as two or three are willing to room together, the room rent should not be over \$1.50 per month for each student. Laundry will be extra to the student.

Students will room according to arrangements of the Board, unless the student is of age and taking special courses. The student, then, must consult the Director in arranging his or her room and board. Christian Piety will be the goverment, and every thing possible for the student's welfare will be considered, and if possible brought to pass.

The total cost for the school year, including books, should not exceed \$200.00 for each student. Possibly less.

# VISITORS

Among the visitors at the Gem office during July were Bro. Sam Stafford and Bro. Gene Chance of County Line, Okla., who was visiting with Bro. Stafford. Then Bro. John Newherry of Graham, Okla. visited Bro. Stafford, and he and Bro. Stafford came over for a visit at the Gem office. These brethren are all F. W. B. ministers, and we appreciated their visit very much, hope they will come again.

Bro. Stafford is pastor of our Okley Union church, which we organized a few months ago. They now have the deed to the church property and will dedicate the building before long.

Bro. Stafford is now in Oklahoma helping Bro. Newberry in a meeting.

Bro. Winford Davis is in a revival at our Neola church, near Greenfield, Mo., and reports a good meeting, with several converts and good interest.

Bro. Edd Friend is helping Bro. O. T. Allred in a revival at our Monett church. Fourteen have been saved, and the meeting continues with good interest. They are using the big tent which will be taken to Carterville, Mo. for our Indian Creek Association which

# Page Fourteen

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

August, 1936.

# OUR NEW POSTAGE STAMP

You have no doubt noticed the new postage stamp, just out, bearing the picture of Roger Williams. How many do you suppose, who lick and stick this stamp, realize that Roger Williams was the first man in the United States to hold Free Will Baptist views? Some would deny this, but it is a historical fact. The history of Roger Williams is interesting. The stand he took was a noble one. The sufferings he endured are heart rending. He was born in 1599, in Wales, and became a minister there. He left Wales and came to America about the year 1630, because he could not conscientiously conform to the established church over there. He soon became assistant pastor at Salem, Massachusetts. He afterward pastored two years at Plymouth, Mass., then he was recalled to Salem; but he preached so bitterly against the assumption of power in religious affairs by the Civil Magistrate, and was found to be holding other views tending to Anabaptism. He was tried by the court and sentenced to be banished from the Colony of Massachusetts.

In the midst of a New England winter, January, 1635, this apostle of liberty left his home and plunged into the midst of the gloomy and wild forest, and bear in mind, that all this

he endured simply because he believed in freedom of conscience in worshipping God.

For fourteen weeks he wandered in winter snow, not knowing what bread or bed did mean. The history from which I got these facts, entitled "The Story of the Baptists," by Rev. Richard B. Cook, says his sufferings during the fourteen weeks were very great, but he was finally joined by his family and some friends, and the little band took a boat and embarked down the river to seek a new home and a place where they might plant the standard of soul liberty. On their way they were hailed by a band of friendly Indians, and tradition says they landed near a spring. Here the settlement of Rhode Island began.

I want to pass on a verse of poetry which Rev. Cook gives, as follows:

"Oh, call it holy ground, The soil where first they trod; They have left unstained what `there they found, Freedom to worship God."

In grateful acknowledgement of the divine hand that had guided and preserved him, Mr. Williams gave to the new settlement the name Providence. So we have from the small beginning there our modern city of Providence today, as well as the whole State of

Rhode Island, which colony was founded strictly upon the principle of perfect religious liberty. This history says that in March, 1639, twelve persons organized themselves into a church, with Roger Williams as pastor. This was the first church in America to hold Baptist views, and was founded upon the free principles that Roger Williams stood for, and severely suffered for. So we have the perfect right to look back to it as a Free Baptist church.

I corresponded with the Mayor of Providence some months back, also with the pastor of the Roger Williams church there. I was making an effort to secure the picture of the church for the Gem. The Mayor, Mr. Dunne, said there are two churches in Providence that bear the name of "Roger Williams Church;" but said the one to which he supposed I had reference was erected in 1775; and was known as the oldest church in America of the Baptist sect.

So, as we view this postage stamp from day to day, bearing the picture of this wonderful man of God, it makes us appreciate more and more his sacrificial life. He suffered bitter persecution just to keep burning the torch of religious liberty, and to hand on down to us the very principles for which we stand today.

Ģ

# The Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of Heaven

At first thought it might seem that these two kingdoms are the same in meaning, as some try to teach them to be. But with a study of the subject, we can easily see that the Kingof Heaven is a broader term than Kingdom of God. Of course those who think they mean the same, would like to know where we get our difference. Let us begin our explanation by saying the Kingdom of Heaven includes all forms of professed godliness here on earth, and does not pertain necessarily to the eternal home of the soul, which is called Heaven. While the Kingdom of God is the true plan of Salvation and Christ Himself. You see it is possible for one to be in the Kingdom of Heaven and yet not be in the Kingdom of God (Christ). While, if we are in the Kingdom of

# By Eld. Kenneth Turner

en; as the Kingdom of God is that true, pure and righteous part of the Kingdom of Heaven.

No doubt you have seen large farms that are rough and mountainous, with soil so poor that there is no vegetation produced, except on one particular spot, which is an ideal place to raise really good products. The soil here is fertile, the surface is smooth, and it is a worth while place to farm, an ideal place for a garden. Isn't it true that one could be on this large farm and yet not be on the garden spot? While, if they are on the garden, they are on the farm. We say again, 'one can be in the Kingdom of Heaven and yet not be in the Kingdom of God.

Why do we say the Kingdom of God is Christ Himself and the plan-

16:28, we find that Jesus says, "verify I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." And after six day He takes some of those He had been talking to up on the moun tain, and they beheld the transfigur ation, which is a foreview of Hin as He will be when He comes back to earth accompanied by those of He who had gone on from this life. He is speaking of His own coming, when He shall come in power to rule of the earth.

In another place Christ, speakipf of the people, says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteous ness; and all these things shall p added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). other words be more concerned about Him, and not worry so much about worldly things.

In Luke 17:21, Christ is talking to the Pharisees, when He says, "Behold, the kingdom of God is within you." References and marginal readings teach that within means among, that is in the midst of or before. It could not be as I heard one state one time, that Christ meant the Kingdom of God was within the hearts of those He was talking to, for He was talking to those hypocritical, self-righteous Pharisees who were not in Christ, but no doubt were in the Kingdom of Heaven with some form of religion, but none of God's salvation. Christ was stating that the Kingdom of God was standing before them and was being preached to them, and that they had Quccess to it if they would believe it and receive it as salvation unto their souls, then they would be in the Kingdom of God, but until then, with their self-righteous feeling, they were only in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We have already stated that the Kingdom of Heaven is not the soul's home, that place is called Heaven and takes in the Kingdom of God, and not necessarily the Kingdom of Heaven which is here on earth. We must study closely and see the difference for we know there can be no sin in Heaven. But Christ teaches that there is sin and evil in the Kingdom of Heaven. That's why we say the term applies to all forms of professed godliness here on earth, and too many times that form is not of the true God. The Kingdom of Heaven has tares within it, which Christ compares to children of the wicked one (Matt. 13:38).

He also likens the Kingdom of Heaven to a net full of fish, some of them bad, which are cast away. We don't find Christ teaching the Kingdom of God to be dotted with sin. No, but free of sin, and has every thing pure and God-like.

It is true that John the Baptist said, "Repent ye for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." And truly it was, for that included all kinds of worship and religious beliefs along with the true kind, which was Christ or the Kingdom of God. And He speaks in His own words (Mark 1:15), "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; Repent ye, and believe the gospel."

I believe the Scriptures referred to above are enough to bring out the fact that the terms of our subject have different meanings.

4 . . . .

# SPECIAL NOTICE

The Board of Education will consider applications for a financial secretary, who can give his entire time to the work, to canvass for students, finance, and such support as can be secured for a school to be operated by the National Association of Free Will Baptist, according to the the discretion of the Board of Education.

The Board will meet with Cofers Chapel church, Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday by noon, August 18, 1936.

All members of the Board, of both Eastern and Western Divisions, will please take notice and make arrangements to be present.

T. B. Mellette, Sec.-Treas., Blakley, Ga.

## TORNADO, W. VA., July 26th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

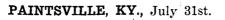
I have no report to make, but I just feel like I ought to write a little to let the Gem family know that I love to read their reports and articles, I do love to read Aunt Lina Claxton's articles, and Bro. Brown's article in the July number of the Gem. I can hardly wait till next month to see what else he has to say on his subject.

I would like to write an article on the 13th chapter of Revelation, just how this present time is fulfilling that chapter. I hope some one will write on this chapter, for I am not able to do so. So I will close hoping some one will take this subject up and write on it.

Pray for me, one and all.

Your brother in Christ,

F. V. Nicholas.



Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I will try to give a brief report of our Johnson County Quarterly Meeting. I have been blessed with the opportunity of attending 92 Johnson Co. Conferences in the last 23 years, for which I thank the Lord.

We left home July 24th, for John's Creek, Ky., where the conference was to be held, and arrived there about noon. We found a few of the good old faithful brothers and sisters were present. We were hungry, but there were but few to care for the people. There was a pipe line being laid thru that neighborhood, and the people seemed to think more of the pipe line, or of the work, than of the cause of Christ; but the conference was called to order by Eld. Daniel Hugh of Morten, Ky., as he was the oldest minister present.

Motion carried that Bro. Kelly Patton be our moderator.

Had a fine Ministers' Conference, and some good discussions on the 20th chapter of Revelation.

Adjourned for night services.

Drove four miles for supper, over a rough road, but we thank you, Mrs. and Mr. Hunt, for your kindness, which you showed us while in your home. I don't know just what we would have done if it had not been for you, although you are not members of the Free Will Baptist church, you sure did show the Christian spirit. May God bless you and save you and your family.

Met back at 8:00 p.m.

Preaching by moderator, Bro. Kelly Patton, who delivered a real Gospel message, the Lord blessed, and the people praised the most high God.

Dismissed to meet Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Met back at the time appointed.

The moderator, Bro. Kelly Patton, being disgusted: It was looking like rain, 17 miles in the head of a creek, no roads, not many to care for the delegates, and a number of the brethren and sisters leaving for home.

So the conference was called to order again by Bro. Hugh, and motion carried that Bro. Fred Rollin of White House, Ky. be our moderator, and Eld. Millard Vanhoose assistant Mod.

Moderator asked Eld. Vanhoose to bring the morning message. We had a good meeting.

Adjourned until 2:00 o'clock p. m. Met back at 2:00 p. m. Called to order by the moderator.

Letters were called for, and sixteen churches handed letters to the clerk, F. S. Vanhoose. Received \$40.96 with the letters. Nine churches did not report.

Voted the next conference to be held with Estel church, Estel, Ky.

Two were licensed for twelve months and one was ordained.

Messengers appointed to Yearly Meeting, to be held at Sprigg, W. Va.: Elders Millard and F. S. Vanhoose.

There being no new business, we adjourned for preaching.

Preaching by Brothers Ollie Blackburn and Willey Moore of Blain, Ky. Preaching Sunday morning by Bro.

Hugh and Bro. Fred Rollin.

Dismissed to meet with Estel church the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1936.

Eld. Millard Vanhoose.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION HOPE Association No. 2 will be held with Davidson Church, near Davidson, Ark., on 45 Highway, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1936. J. W. Atwell, Clerk, R2. Rudy, Ark.

OLD MT. ZION Association will convene with Christian Home Church, at ten o'clock a.m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1936.

Eld. Loyd Bland to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. Sammie Lane alternate. Isaac Lynch, Clerk,

Clifty, Ark.

LACLEDE COUNTY Association will be held with Union Chapel Church, in Laclede County, Mo., beginning at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1936.

Eld. C. E. Butts to preach the introductory sermon.

Mrs. Essie Hamilton, Clerk, Falcon, Mo.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI Association will convene with Union Third Fork Church, near Highway 36, four miles northeast of Easton, Mo., beginfourth Sunday in August, 1936. Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI and SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS Association will be held with Wagoner Church, at Wagoner, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936.

Bro. Arlie Hoover to preach the introductory sermon.

Eld. Boyd Thornton, Clerk, Arcadia, Ks.

FIRST MISSION Association will be held with New Home Church, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936. Mae Graham, Clerk, Drumright, Okla.

UNION Association will be held with Wolf Creek Church, beginning at 4:00 o'clock p. m. Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1936.

E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo.

INDIAN CREEK Association will be held with Carterville Church, beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1936. The Introductory sermon to be de-

livered by Eld. O. T. Allred. Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Greentop, Mo.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER Association will be held with Mt. Joy Church, Daisy, Ark., beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1936. Mrs. J. A. Jones, Clerk, Glenwood, Ark.

HOPEWELL Association will be held with Hopewell Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1936. Dorothy Ford, Clerk, Denison, Texas.

DIBBLE Association will be held with Bridge Creek Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1936. Shay Richey, Clerk, Blanchard, Okla.

ROBERT MCGEE Association will convene with Sugar Loaf Church, two miles north of Monroe, Okla., beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1936. Eld. W. Dorey, Ass't Clerk, Poteau, Ok.

MISSOURI STATE Association will be held with Macedonia Church, about four miles northeast of Purdy, Mo., beginning on Monday night before the third Sunday in October, 1936.

Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. to preach the Mission sermon on Monday night, Eld. O. T. Allred alternate. Eld. Jas. F. Miller of Flat River,

Mo. to preach the League sermon at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday, Eld. Cecil. Campbell of Stella, Mo. alternate.

Eld. Noel Turner, of Greentop, Mo. to preach the Introductory sermon on Tuesday night, Eld. H. H. Beatty of Thayer, Mo. alternate.

The CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL Association will be held with Tulsa Church, at Tulsa, Okla., beginning on Tuesday night before the second Sunday in November, 1936.

Eld. F. S. Vanhoose of Paintsville, Kentucky, will preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. alternate. Hattie Newman, Clerk, Drumright, Ok.

#### BUTLER - DUNN THEOLOGY

The Butler-Dunn Systematic Theology, the standard book on Free Will Baptist faith and doctrine, is now reprinted, and every minister and Christian worker should have a copy. This is an important book in the SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE, conducted by Eld. John H. Wolfe. Ministers and Christian workers, wishing to better prepare themselves for Christian work, should have this book, and should take the correspondence course offered by the "School of the Bible."

The book has 476 pages, and is well bound. Price, postpaid, ..... \$2.00

Send orders for the book to Eld. B. F. Brown, .....Purdy, Mo. or to

Eld. John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Neb.

#### BLANKS

Ministers' Ordination blanks, ...10c Ministers' License blanks, .....10c Deacons' Ordination blanks, ....10c The above blanks are 8½x11 inches

and are suitable for framing.

We also furnish letter forms for letter from a church to a Quarterly Meeting, 'Yearly Meeting or Association, at 6 for 25c, 12 for 40c..

All sent postpaid at prices quoted.

A COMMENTARY --- LEXICON CONCORDANCE Compiled into a

BIBLICAL ANALYSIS

Embracing the Cardinal Doctrine on

HELL

As is rendered in the King James Version of the Bible, from the languages in which the Bible was written.

for the Minister - Teacher - Christian Worker

## Compiled by

JOHN B. ROLLINS

Minister in Free Will Baptist Churches

Prepaid at 15 cents per copy

Order from

John B. Rollins. Purdy, Mo.

# LEADINGTON, MISSOURI

We have just closed one of the most spiritual Quarterly Meetings we have ever held. We had a two days' session at Leadington. Free Will Baptist church.

Bro. and Sister Zinn were with us, and I want to say that we had an old fashioned outpouring of God's sweet Holy Spirit. People were shouting and praising God.

We ordained Eld. Damon Dodd and Eld. Ruth La Brot, both of Flat River church. We licensed Brothers Elmer Stegall and Joe Dewese, both of Park View church at Desloge, Missouri.

Bro. and Sister Zinn are having a wonderful meeting at Desloge. Several have been saved, and we are looking and praying for many others to be saved. They will come to Leadington church for a meeting soon. Pray for us, that many souls will be saved.

Your brother in Christ,

O. B. Womack.

# THE NEW TREATISE

The New Treatise, adopted by the National Association last November, are now printed and ready for whosoever wants one or more copies, at the following prices postpaid: Less than 12 at.....25c each. 12. or more at .....\$2.00 per doz. Order from B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.